# PROCLAMATION

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

**WHEREAS:** The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence is an annual international campaign that begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until December 10, Human Rights Day.

The campaign started in 1991 to call out and speak up on gender-based violence, and to renew our commitment to ending violence against women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ individuals.

The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon has served the local community for the past 50 years, with the mission of making a better world for women and girls and continues to provide service.

On June 21, 2023, the City of Brampton, via Councillor Rowena Santos and Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar, brought forth a motion to declare Gender-based Violence an epidemic in Peel Region, which passed unanimously, and on June 22, 2023, the Region of Peel Council also unanimously passed a similar motion.

In Canada in 2022, 96% of victims of human trafficking were women and girls and 82% of the incidents of human trafficking were reported in metropolitan areas. In Peel Region, 7 femicides took place in 2023, 13,933 survivors accessed community support services and Peel's emergency shelter system operated above 270% occupancy and is currently at 400% overcapacity in 2024.

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim November 25-December 10, 2024 as “16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton