Proclamation

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 6, 2026

Whereas December 6 marks the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, honouring the 14 women murdered at École Polytechnique in Montréal on December 6, 1989; and

Whereas this day serves as a reminder of the devastating impact of gender-based violence and the urgent need to end femicide and all forms of violence against women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

Whereas violence against women continues to be a serious issue in Ontario, affecting individuals, families and communities across the province; and

Whereas Indigenous, Black, racialized and other marginalized women and girls face disproportionate risks of gender-based violence, including femicide; and

Whereas Yellow Brick House provides life-saving services and prevention programs to individuals and families impacted by violence and abuse throughout York Region; and

Whereas December 6 falls within the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign calling for increased awareness, prevention and collective action to end violence against women; and

Whereas there is an urgent need for continued investment, education and coordinated action from all levels of government and communities to prevent gender-based violence and support survivors; and

Whereas the raising of a purple flag in the Town of Aurora symbolizes our collective commitment to honouring the lives lost, supporting survivors and recognizing that ending gender-based violence requires the participation of the entire community;

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim **December 6, 2026 as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** in the Town of Aurora and urge all residents to honour the lives lost to gender-based violence, stand in solidarity with survivors and take meaningful action toward building a community free from violence and abuse.



Tom Mrakas
Mayor