Proclamation

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Day

November 25, 2026

WHEREAS Violence against women and girls is the most widespread human rights violation in the world. The World Health Organization estimates that one in three women worldwide has experienced physical or sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS Gender-based violence affects individuals, families, and communities across all cultures, races, nationalities, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS The **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence,** from **November 25 to December 10**, is an opportunity to learn, speak up, and unite to end violence against women and girls; and,

WHEREAS The Town of Amherst joins the Zonta Club of Amherst Area in raising awareness about violence against women and girls and supporting efforts to prevent violence and promote safety in our community; and,

WHEREAS The Town of Amherst also acknowledges the important work of local organizations such as Autumn House, Lilac Place, and the Sexual Health Centre, whose services help create a safer and more supportive community for all;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that I, Robert Small, Mayor of Amherst, proclaim November 25, 2026 as *Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Day* in the town of Amherst, and the launch of the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**.

Signed in Amherst, Nova Scotia, this 25th day of November, 2026.

Robert Small
Mayor
Town of Amherst

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