

**“UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Day”**

**WHEREAS** *the United Nations has again called for an international campaign – 16 days of activism against gender-based violence – running from Nov. 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) – Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day); and*

**WHEREAS** *violence against women is pervasive around the world, including Canada; and*

**WHEREAS** *violence against women takes many forms, including physical, emotional, and sexual violence; deprivation; bullying; discrimination and harassment; neglect of older women; child marriage; female genital mutilation; and sexual violence against women in conflict zones; and*

**WHEREAS** *in Canada, violence against women is disproportionately experienced by Indigenous women; and*

**WHEREAS** *by creating worldwide awareness and calling on governments to match adequate, sustained resources to their political commitments, we will find solutions to end gender-based violence.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the day of November 25, 2017 as “UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Day” on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, and urge all residents of Victoria, BC to participate in the United Nations campaign “Orange The World”, using orange to symbolize a brighter future.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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