

“NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”

WHEREAS *December 6, 2016, is the 27th anniversary of the 1989 École Polytechnique Montreal massacre in which fourteen female engineering students were singled out for their gender and were killed; and*

WHEREAS *in 1991 Canada’s Parliament declared December 6th a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women; and*

WHEREAS *each year, communities across Canada commemorate December 6th to reflect on the tragedy of the Montreal Massacre and to remember the 14 women whose lives were so brutally cut short; and*

WHEREAS *violence against women affects every community member in Victoria whether as a survivor of domestic or other violence or as a family member, friend, neighbour, or co-worker of a survivor; and*

WHEREAS *education and awareness are key to ending violence against women, and the Public Service Alliance of Canada, its Victoria Regional Women’s Committee and Virginia Vaillancourt have been organizing vigils and educational programs to raise awareness about violence against women since 2009; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria continues to work towards building a society in which everyone has the right to live in conditions of safety, dignity, respect and peace.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of December 6th, 2016 as “NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 24th day of November, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Sponsored By: the Victoria Regional
Women’s Committee of the Public
Service Alliance of Canada (BC) and
Councillor Marianne Alto**

