

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

WHEREAS *December 6, 2015, is the 26th 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 *education and awareness are key to ending violence against women; 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, 2015 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 10th day of December, Two Thousand and Fifteen.*

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

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