

# Huron Domestic Assault Review Team

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## **REQUEST:**

THAT HURON COUNTY MARK  
THE NATIONAL DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION  
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN – **DECEMBER 6, 2018**

# Huron Domestic Assault Review Team (DART)

- ▶ We are a community-based, cross-sector committee which works together to improve community response to victims of domestic violence.

- ▶ Agencies represented at Huron DART:

Huron Perth Children's Aid Society

Canadian Mental Health Assoc

Huron County Health Unit

Huron O.P.P.

Victim Services

Supervised Access Program

Huron Women's Shelter

One Care

Crown Attorney's Office

Rural Response for Healthy Children

Probation Office

Alexandra & Marine General Hospital

Victim Witness Assistance Program

Choices for Change

Huron Perth Centre

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- ▶ We aim to strengthen linkages among agencies and service providers, and enhance inter-agency cooperation, collaboration, coordination and integration.
- ▶ We provide training and educational sessions on how to live a life free from violence (training of service providers, community members and students)
- ▶ DART's work supports the ultimate goal of a place where all women and children are able to live healthy lives, free from violence.

# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- ▶ December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada.
- ▶ Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal.
- ▶ They died because they were women.
- ▶ It is a day of remembrance and a time to take action.

# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- ▶ It is a day:
  - ▶ of commemoration of the 14 young women who were murdered.
  - ▶ to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society.
  - ▶ to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence.
  - ▶ for communities to consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

# December 6, 2018 – Huron County

## ▶ **10:00 a.m.**

- ▶ Outdoor Ceremony at Courthouse Park
- ▶ Song by The Glee Choir
- ▶ Remarks by Warden
- ▶ Naming of the 14 Women Spoken Aloud
- ▶ Song by The Glee Choir
- ▶ Remarks by Mayor of Goderich (request to be made yet)
- ▶ Remarks by Huron DART
- ▶ Song by The Glee Choir

## ▶ **7:00 p.m.**

- ▶ Huron County Museum Theater
- ▶ Remarks by Huron DART
- ▶ Documentary Screening

# Our Request of County Council

1. Huron DART requests County Council to **lower flags to half mast** on December 6th to acknowledge the National Day of Remembrance.
2. We ask that the **Warden** (or their designate) speak at the 10 am ceremony.
3. We ask that **14 red roses** with the names of each woman who was killed to be displayed inside the Courthouse on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Huron DART will pay for and make arrangements for delivery and pick up of roses.

We also extend an invite to all Councillors and County staff to attend the ceremony and join us at the documentary screening in the evening at the Museum.

# We all have a role to play in ending violence against women

- ▶ “... discrimination against women violates the principles of equality of rights and respect for human dignity, is an obstacle to the participation of women, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries, hampers the growth of the prosperity of society and the family and makes more difficult the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity,”

Preamble to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women