



Dear Huron Municipalities,

On behalf of the Huron Domestic Assault Review Team, we would like to thank you once again for your support on December 6, 2018, the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**. As pillars in Huron County, the participation of our municipal offices illustrated a dedication to our collaboration and commitment of not only recognizing the tragic events of the past, but also to ending violence against women today, and for the generations of our future.

On December 6, 2018, over one hundred people stood outside the courthouse in Goderich to remember the 14 young women who were brutally murdered in 1989, and to show their support for making Huron County a community free from violence. With remarks from our Co-Vice Chair Selena Hazlitt, Past Warden Paul Gowing, Mayor John Grace, Sarah Baird on behalf of MPP Lisa Thompson, and a powerful performance by the Glee Sisters Choir, the event marked an unprecedented commitment of our united efforts to ending violence against women.

We are proud to inform you that each of our Municipalities, our County office, the Huron County OPP, and a number of primary and secondary schools in the community also lowered their flags to show their support. In addition, students at FE Madill sold roses to commemorate the events of Dec. 6. The students raised \$193.22, which they are donating to the Huron Women's Shelter.

With fifty-eight percent of domestic violence homicides happening in Ontario in 2018<sup>1</sup>, the Huron Domestic Assault Review Team in collaboration with each of your community contributions have shown a strong sense of leadership for addressing the needs of our local women who experience violence. For this, we thank you with sincere and profound appreciation.

Included with this letter you will find attached the annual femicide list from 2017/2018, as well as the Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability report on the status of domestic violence homicides between January 1 and April 30 of 2018.

We hope you will find this information useful, and that you will consider supporting us in future initiatives that work towards the recognition and prevention of violence against women. Please also see below for media related to our December 6 event:

**Goderich Signal-Star:** <https://www.goderichsignalstar.com/news/local-news/national-day-of-remembrance-and-action-on-violence-against-women-ceremony-at-courthouse-park>

**Huron Gazette:** <http://hurongazette.com/16-days-of-activism-targets-gender-based-violence/>

**CTV News London:** <https://london.ctvnews.ca/victims-of-domestic-homicide-are-overwhelmingly-women-study-1.4207665>

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Femicide Observatory for Justice and Accountability. 2018.

Thank you.

Yours,

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