

Vaughan City Hall 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Level 100 Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

November 6, 2020

Dear City Clerk Todd Coles,

Yellow Brick House would like to request that the City of Vaughan recognize and proclaim December 6, 2020 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women remembers and honours the 14 women who lost their lives and those that were injured as a result of gender-based violence on December 6, 1989, at l'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal.

To recognize this important day, Yellow Brick House would also like to request that the City of Vaughan raise a purple flag. The colour purple symbolizes the courage it takes for a woman to leave her abuser.

Since opening our doors in 1978, Yellow Brick House continues to provide life-saving services and prevention programs to meet the diverse needs of individuals, families, and communities impacted by violence. We provide four core services to over 6,200 women and children annually: two emergency shelters, 24-hour crisis and support lines, community counselling and support services, and public education.

For more information about Yellow Brick House or the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, please contact us at 905-709-0900 or info@yellowbrickhouse.org.

We look forward to the City of Vaughan proclaiming the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women and raising a purple flag on December 6.

Sincerely,

Lorris Herenda Executive Director

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