



Proclamation

National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women December 6, 2013

WHEREAS December 6 is the anniversary of the 1989 École Polytechnique Montreal massacre in which fourteen female engineering students were singled out for their gender and were killed.

This day is marked by vigils, discussions and a renewed commitment to strengthen efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against girls and women in all of Canadian society. The elimination of violence benefits society as a whole and requires everyone's participation.

Education is one of the keys to ending violence against women by giving men and women a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities within their relationships with each other. School-based violence prevention programs that teach boys and girls how to treat each other with respect and dignity and recognize signs of abusive relationships also contribute to the elimination of violence against women.

The Halifax Regional Municipality continues to take a leadership role in working towards building a society in which everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Regional Council, do hereby proclaim **December 6, 2013** as "**National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence against Women**" in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 6th day of December 2013



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor