

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY



PROCLAMATION

DAY OF AWARENESS FOR SURVIVORS OF FINANCIAL ABUSE AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE

- WHEREAS** *Economic abuse is a deliberate pattern of control in which individuals interfere with their partner's ability to acquire, use, and maintain economic resources; and*
- WHEREAS** *A lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman's independence and agency, such as limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental well-being and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to poverty and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and*
- WHEREAS** *Each day in Canada, approximately 51% of women staying in shelters for women and children report experiencing financial abuse, economic abuse is a seldom-talked about yet prevalent issue faced by survivors of domestic violence in Canada; and*
- WHEREAS** *Economic abuse has happened to many generations of Canadian women and continues to happen regardless of socio-economic status, race, age or other identity factors; and*
- WHEREAS** *It is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, act to protect victims and support survivors of economic abuse;*
- NOW THEREFORE** *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim November 26th, 2021 as "**The Day of Recognition for Survivors of Financial Abuse and Economic Injustice**".*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Wells', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Bob Wells