



Dear Mayor Schlossberger and Members of Council,

November is Family Violence Prevention Month, a time to increase awareness of the warning signs of domestic abuse and the resources and supports available so we can work together to end domestic abuse and build healthier relationships in our communities.

Today domestic violence and abuse are at epidemic levels. Alberta has the third highest rate of self-reported spousal violence among Canadian provinces. The rate of police reported intimate partner violence and abuse experienced in rural areas is 75% higher than in urban areas. On average, every 2.5 days, one woman or girl is killed in Canada.

Rowan House Society's mission is, "We are here to break the cycle of domestic violence and abuse in our communities and our vision is, "We aspire to compassionately erase domestic violence and abuse.

We do this through various supports and services within our seven core programs:

1. 24-Hour Support Line
2. Emergency Shelter Program
3. Children's Program
4. Outreach Program
5. Preventative Education Program
6. Court Support Program
7. Safe at Home Program

We are asking you to proclaim November as Family Violence Prevention Month in your community and have attached to this letter, a formal proclamation that we hope you will consider signing, posting in your community, and returning a copy to us.

Additionally, please join the movement to create awareness in your community by having a purple light shine at the Municipal Centre.

Thank you for your support in creating awareness of domestic violence and abuse.

Sincerely,

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