



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS** *Domestic economic abuse is a pattern of control, exploitation or sabotage of money, finances, and economic resources (car, food, education, transportation) which affects an individual's capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic resources and threatens their economic security and self-sufficiency; and*
- WHEREAS** *A lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman's independence, such as leaving abusive relationship, limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental and physical well-being, and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to homeless, generational trauma, and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and*
- WHEREAS** *Women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical and other forms of gender-based violence, and 99% of situations that include coercive control will lead to economic and financial abuse; and*
- WHEREAS** *Economic abuse has severely impacted numerous generations of Canadians and continues to occur regardless of socioeconomic status, race, age, or other identity factors; and*
- WHEREAS** *It is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, take action to support survivors of financial and economic abuse.*
- NOW THEREFORE** *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2022 as "**ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**" in Courtenay, B.C.*

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*Mayor Bob Wells*