



# PROCLAMATION

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*Whereas,*

*International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It's also a time to raise awareness of the progress made towards achieving gender equality and the work remaining to be done; and*

*Whereas,*

*The beginnings of International Women's Day can be traced back to the early twentieth century. It emerged from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflected a growing call for women's equal participation in society; and*

*Whereas,*

*International Women's Day first took place on March 19, 1911, in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. That day, over a million women and men attended public events to show their support. Other countries began to observe and celebrate this day in the years that followed. The United Nations recognized 1975 as International Women's Year and began celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day; and*

*Whereas,*

*In honouring International Women's Day as a global holiday, we bring attention to women's rights and issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, violence and abuse against women; and*

*Therefore,*

*I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim*

**March 8, 2026**

**as**

**"International Women's Day"**

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Groves".

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*