



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I am pleased to join my fellow Canadians in marking the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women — and in remembering the 14 young women who were killed in a senseless act of violence at the École Polytechnique de Montréal. This is not only a day of remembrance, but also a continued call to action against gender-based violence.

Sadly, all women can experience violence, and in many forms. But it is always rooted in attitudes of discrimination and inequality, and it is always unacceptable.

We are now at a moment in history when women are increasingly calling out those who engage in, or have engaged in, harassment, intimidation, discrimination or violence against women. They are telling the world that misogyny and gender-based violence are never acceptable, and it is my hope that this important message is resonating more deeply in society than ever before.

Our government remains committed to ending violence against anyone based on their gender, gender expression and/or gender identity. We are actively working to achieve this goal through strategies to end domestic violence, sexual violence and harassment, violence against Indigenous women, and human trafficking.

Our society has made great strides towards recognizing women's rights and achieving gender equality, but we cannot stop until we eliminate gender-based violence, once and for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier