

WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence increased dramatically throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has continued to surge; and

WHEREAS 43 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS several municipal associations including the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) have declared a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the province; and

WHEREAS funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments has not increased to meet the need to provide the necessary support to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the City of Greater Sudbury can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in calling for action from all levels of government to address this social problem plaguing our communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury declare gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence an epidemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury calls on the provincial and federal governments to provide the necessary support to the emergency, social services, health care agencies and police services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.

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