

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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## **Proclamation**

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**Whereas**, International Women's Day is celebrated globally on March 8 to recognize and honour the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and girls; and

**Whereas**, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made toward gender equality while recognizing the work that remains to be done to eliminate bias, stereotypes, and discrimination; and

**Whereas**, the theme of International Women's Day 2025 - #AccelerateAction - challenges us to take meaningful steps toward a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive world, where differences are valued and celebrated; and

**Whereas**, Sturgeon County is committed to affirming gender equality by supporting inclusive access to education, employment, justice, healthcare, housing, and social supports, and by fostering a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive; and

**Whereas**, Sturgeon County, through its Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) department, continues to support programs that empower women and girls, encourage leadership, and create opportunities for full participation in society; and

**Therefore**, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2025, as International Women's Day in Sturgeon County. By recognizing International Women's Day, we reaffirm that gender equality is essential to building a stronger, healthier, and more inclusive community. I encourage all residents to join the movement, to wear purple in solidarity, and to reflect on how we can each take action - at home, in our workplaces, and throughout our community - to accelerate progress toward gender parity.



Alanna Hnatiw Mayor, Sturgeon County