



ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS domestic economic abuse is a common but overlooked form of domestic violence that limits an individual's financial autonomy, including denying access and control over resources or constraining economic freedom; and

WHEREAS barriers to economic resources undermine a survivor's independence, including the ability to flee abusive relationships. Economic abuse has detrimental effects on a survivor's mental and physical well-being and other social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS economic abuse happens across socio-economic status, race, and age and is exacerbated by intersectional and systemic factors and

WHEREAS economic abuse survivors have the right to be free from violence and must feel empowered to regain control over their lives; and

WHEREAS all levels of government must work to prevent Economic Abuse; and

WHEREAS the Town of Okotoks commits to supporting victim survivors of economic abuse and encourages everyone to inform themselves about the signs and impacts of economic abuse.

THEREFORE, Members of Okotoks Town Council hereby proclaim November 26, 2024 as "Economic Abuse Awareness Day" in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 28th day of October 2024.

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Proclamation, Lighting or Flag Request at the Municipal Centre

Community Safety & Organizational Excellence
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Okotoks AB T1S 1K1
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Canadian centre for Women's Empowerment

Occasion Title *

National Day of Recognition

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2024-11-26

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IMPACT OF ECONOMIC ABUSE

Economic Abuse affects victim-survivors beyond financial stability and independence; it impacts their mental and physical health, quality of life, and ability to provide for themselves and their dependents. Economic Abuse can lead to

- Economic hardship and coerced debt,
- Housing insecurity,
- Lack of education and employment,
- Poor mental and physical health
- Poor quality of life,
- People remain in physical and sexually abusive situations.

IMPORTANCE OF PROCLAIMING AN ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

By declaring November 26th as Economic Abuse Awareness Day, CCFWE seeks to raise awareness on this important issue. We want to create a world free of Economic Abuse, and survivors have the resources and support they need to achieve economic empowerment. To do so, we need leaders like you to champion this change.

An Economic Abuse Awareness Day is crucial to raising awareness about this prevalent but often overlooked form of domestic violence. Informing people of the signs and consequences of Economic Abuse can further empower individuals to identify this type of abuse and help survivors within your constituency and beyond.

An awareness day can also promote empathy and solidarity among constituents, fostering a sense of shared responsibility for the well-being of survivors. This can translate into increased support for initiatives that assist survivors and promote their financial health.

ABOUT THE CANADIAN CENTER FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE) is the only Canadian national non-profit organization dedicated to addressing Economic Abuse and injustice through advocacy, education, research, economic empowerment, and policy change. It is based in Ottawa.

CCFWE works collaboratively with organizations and individuals to develop a comprehensive

approach that enables domestic violence survivors to recover from Economic Abuse. It also addresses critical policy gaps preventing survivors from recovering and becoming economically secure and independent.

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