



Economic Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

WHEREAS domestic economic abuse is a pattern of control, exploitation or sabotage of money, finances, and economic resources (car, food, education, transportation) which affects an individual's capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic resources and threatens their economic security and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS a lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman's independence, such as leaving an abusive relationship, limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental and physical wellbeing, and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to homeless, generational trauma, and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and

WHEREAS women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical and other forms of gender-based violence, and 99% of situations that include coercive control will lead to economic and financial abuse; and

WHEREAS economic abuse has severely impacted numerous generations of Canadians and continues to occur regardless of socioeconomic status, race, age, or other identity factors; and

WHEREAS it is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, takes action to support survivors of financial and economic abuse.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Tanya Thorn, hereby proclaim November 26, 2022 as "Economic Abuse Awareness Day" in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2022.

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Tanya Thorn
Mayor