

Proclamation

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week November 22 – 28, 2020

WHEREAS each year we celebrate Victims and Survivors of Crime Week to raise awareness of services and supports for persons harmed by crime and violence. This year's theme is "Recognizing Courage, Renewing Commitment."

This week seeks to offer a greater understanding of victim issues and recognizes the tireless efforts of frontline victim services staff, advocates and professionals working in the criminal justice system who support and offer information and assistance to survivors.

Support for victims is imperative in an effort to help them through challenging and traumatic experiences and helps foster feelings of resilience and courage. Community support, advocacy and public demonstrations of support help promote the community's capacity for compassion and provides the opportunity for open dialogue in understanding the impact of crime and violence on society.

The City of Toronto is committed to community safety and the wellbeing of its residents by investing in the prevention of crime through social development, community partnerships and programs, all key components for maintaining safe and healthy neighbourhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 22 – 28, 2020** as "**Victims and Survivors of Crime Week**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

