



Proclamation

Moose Hide Campaign Day

May 16, 2024

Whereas the Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led, grassroots movement of all Canadians standing up to end violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and

Whereas the Moose Hide Campaign was founded along the 'Highway of Tears' in British Columbia in response to the injustices and violence faced by many women and children in Canada, particularly those who are Indigenous; and

Whereas Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is at epidemic proportions across Canada with more than 4 in 10 women having experienced it in their lifetime, and this reality is worse for Indigenous women who are twice as likely to experience violence from their current or former partners; and

Whereas the Moose Hide Campaign has distributed over five million moose hide pins that each spark five conversations about issues of violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and

Whereas wearing the moose hide pin demonstrates a commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life, end gender-based violence and take meaningful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous people; and

Whereas participation in the Moose Hide Campaign is a concrete action for all citizens to address the legacies of colonization, residential schools and the reality of more than 1,200 missing or murdered women in Canada; and

Whereas engagement with the Moose Hide Campaign aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+).

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim **May 16, 2024** as **Moose Hide Campaign Day** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas
Mayor