



Proclamation

Red Dress Day

May 5, 2026

Whereas Red Dress Day is observed annually across Canada on May 5 to honour the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people who are missing or have been murdered; and

Whereas the empty red dress, first introduced by Métis artist Jaime Black, symbolizes loss, remembrance, and the need for change; and

Whereas communities observe this day to honour lives lost, support survivors and families, and reaffirm a commitment to the Calls for Justice outlined in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+); and

Whereas on May 5, the Town of Aurora invites the community to participate in a Red Dress Day Walking Vigil in recognition of the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S+; and

Whereas by walking together, participants acknowledge the past and present realities faced by Indigenous communities while standing in solidarity for justice, healing, and systemic change.

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim **May 5, 2026** as **Red Dress Day** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas
Mayor