**Modifiable template email/letter to Municipality requesting orange lighting and a statement re: Eliminating Violence against Women and Girls**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

VIA EMAIL

To: The Mayor [*or other city staff*]

**Re: United Nations’ UNiTE Campaign: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence: *Orange the World***

**November 25-December 10, 2023**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

The Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) is writing to request the support of the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the United Nations UNiTE Campaign: *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence* from November 25th, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December 10th, Human Rights Day.

The global theme of this year’s 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, is “[**UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls**](https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/unite/theme)”.

Part of the UNiTE Campaign is a global initiative to light up buildings in symbolic support for the goals of the campaign. Last year GRAN held Orange Campaign events from coast to coast and successfully received the support of many municipalities who participated by agreeing to light up key buildings or community landmarks in Orange.

See GRAN's Orange Campaign Photo Gallery here: <https://grandmothersadvocacy.org/orange-campaign-gallery>

For the 2023 Orange Campaign, GRAN asks the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to shine a spotlight on the issue of violence against women by lighting up our city hall in Orange on one or more days during the *16 days* from November 25th – December 10th. The Orange Campaign is an opportunity for the mayor to issue a proclamation or reaffirming statement of the city’s commitment to help prevent violence against women at home and around the world.

Please consider lighting up City Hall in **ORANGE** as a symbol of solidarity with the cause, and let us know if the city is planning any activities for the *16 Days of Activism*. We would be happy to participate and assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Your Name:

Telephone:

GRAN Group (optional)

Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)

<http://grandmothersadvocacy.org/>

The Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) is a non-partisan network of volunteers working together across Canada to influence policy change and stimulate effective action in Canada and internationally. We advocate to promote and protect the human rights of older women, children, youth, and gender-diverse persons. We share a deep concern for the well-being and human rights of grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa and the children and youth in their care, as well as concern for the well-being and rights of vulnerable and marginalized women in communities throughout the Global South.

Local members of GRAN will be participating in the global Orange campaign.

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