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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe today issued the following statement:

Today marks the 30th anniversary of National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Established in 1991 by the Government of Canada, this day honours 14 young women who were shot and killed on December 6, 1989, at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique.

These women were targeted simply because of their gender and they had chosen to study engineering, a field traditionally dominated by men. Today we remember the following:

Geneviève Bergeron
Barbara Daigneault
Maryse Laganière
Sonia Pelletier
Annie Turcotte

Hélène Colgan
Anne-Marie Edward
Maryse Leclair
Michèle Richard
Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz

Nathalie Croteau
Maud Haviernick
Anne-Marie Lemay
Annie St-Arneault

As we remember those whose lives have been taken away, it is important we continue to raise awareness about the misogyny that still is very much present in our communities, region, province and country. We also remember the many other victims of gender-based violence, including 2SLGBTQQIA+ (two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, plus) and gender diverse individuals who regularly face discrimination, ridicule and profound acts of violence.

I encourage Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to wear a purple ribbon today, or an article of purple clothing, as an important symbol of remembrance to women everywhere who have lost their lives to violence.

As a memorial to the 14 young women who were killed on December 6, 1989, and to all those who have lost their lives to gender-based violence, flags are being flown at half mast today at Nunatsiavut Government buildings.

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