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December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Mr. Speaker,

As Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, I rise today to remind all members of the Legislative Assembly that December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women was established after the tragic death of 14 young female students in Montreal. This day represents an opportunity for Canadians to commemorate the loss of these young women. For us, it is also an opportunity to reflect and commemorate those women who lost their lives through violence in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut continues to have some of the highest levels of violence against women in Canada.

As a government, as communities, and as individuals we are trying to meet the challenge of building strong, vital communities in which everyone can live free from violence. We owe this to our children, who may be affected by violence now and in the future. It is essential to the lives of our loved ones, the prosperity of our Territory, and the future of our children.

As Premier and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, I am committed to equality, and to all Nunavummiut living free of fear and violence.

The Qullit Status of Women Council has planned a ceremony on that important day, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall here in Iqaluit. I strongly encourage you to participate in that event.

Let's remember to first mourn the lives we have lost to violence and then work for change, in memory of all the girls and women who have been victims of violence in Canada.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.