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

On December 6, 1989, fourteen women were murdered at the l'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal because of their gender. This tragedy focused attention on violence against women and girls, and its causes.

In order to help raise Canadians' consciousness about violence against women and girls, in 1991 the federal government designated December 6 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Beyond commemorating the loss of these fourteen young lives, this day represents a time to pause and reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in society.

It is also a time to think about all the women and girls who live daily with the threat of violence or who have died as a result of deliberate acts of gender-based aggression.

Finally, it is a day when workers and their unions can reflect on concrete actions to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

On December 6, HEU members across the province will be wearing this year's sticker – a long-standing union tradition on this day. By doing so, we give prominence to the issue and commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

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