



**PCAWA**  
PEEL COMMITTEE AGAINST WOMEN ABUSE

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **RE: The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Gender Based Violence**

Monday November 14, PEEL REGION – The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) will be hosting the December 6th Vigil to acknowledge and remember those who have been killed in an act of gender-based violence. The event will be virtual and include guest speakers and performers to bring the community together in remembrance, strength and solidarity.

“It has been 33 years since the murder of 14 women at Polytechnique Montréal,” said Rebecca Rogers, PCAWA Co-Chair and Embrave’s Director of Advocacy, Communications and Programs. “Women and gender diverse folks continue to face high rates of violence in our community and gender-based violence has magnified during the pandemic.”

Held on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, this event will honour the 14 women killed at the École Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989, the 4 women who were killed in a femicide in Peel Region this year, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada, and all those from marginalized communities who have been killed in an act of gender-based violence but made invisible in our society.

“The 25 organizations that are represented on PCAWA see first hand every day the impact of gender-based violence,” said Rogers. “It takes a community to end gender-based violence. We hope you are able to attend our community vigil.”

Embrave: Agency to End Violence is the lead agency for PCAWA. In 2021, they safely sheltered 136 women and gender diverse folks and their 74 children as well as provided support to 837 survivors of violence through the Community Support and Outreach Program.

“Four femicides have taken place in the Peel Region community this year. It is important to PCAWA that we create space for our community to come together to honour and remember these women, and all those killed in an act of gender-based violence.” Rebecca Pacheco, PCAWA Coordinator and Embrave’s Public Educator.

**When:** Tuesday December 6th, 2022

**Where:** Virtual, Zoom

**Registration Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/december-6th-vigil-tickets-460720857487>

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 PM

**Speakers:** Nat Kaminski (They/Them) - Moyo Health and Community Services

Mina Do (She/Her) - Butterfly Asian and Migrant Sex Workers Support Network

Rebecca Pacheco (She/Her) and Rebecca Rogers (She/Her) - PCAWA & Embrave Agency to End Violence

Kelly Lavallee (She/Her) - Sitting Turtle Traditional Services

**ASL Interpreters will be provided.**



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## About PCAWA

Founded in 1984, PCAWA is a cross-sectoral community collaborative of 25 community members and organizations in Peel that have a shared goal of ending gender-based violence. For more information about PCAWA visit [www.pcawa.net](http://www.pcawa.net) or email Rebecca Pacheco at [rebeccap@embrave.ca](mailto:rebeccap@embrave.ca)