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MANITOBA PROCLAIMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for the status of women, is proclaiming November as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urging Manitobans to speak out against abuse.

“As we reflect on this issue, I’m sure most of us can think of family members, friends or co-workers who have dealt with domestic violence,” Squires said in a statement to the Manitoba legislature.

“We know the most dangerous time for individuals experiencing domestic violence is when one partner decides to leave the other. I urge all of us to reach out to the people around us and check on each other. If we know of people who are using abusive behaviour, reach out to them too. Let them know you are concerned, encourage them to seek help. Don’t remain silent.”

In 2018-19, the Family Violence Prevention Program will provide \$10.7 million to 33 community-based programs. Squires commended all agencies that provide support to women, men and children in Manitoba affected by family violence.

Starting Nov. 25, the province will join the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign, which is themed ‘End Gender-Based Violence in the World of Work’. As part of the 16 Days campaign, the United Nation’s UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign will use #HearMeToo on social media to stand in solidarity with survivor advocates and women’s human rights defenders working to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

The minister urged Manitobans to start conversations with family and friends, listen to those who may be hurting and share information on resources, such as www.gov.mb.ca/stoptheviolence/index.html.

HIGHLIGHTING CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS RECEIVING SUPPORT

To mark Crime Prevention Month, the Manitoba government is investing in crime prevention and community outreach programs including \$91,000 to support the ongoing work of Crime Stoppers and more than \$131,000 for crime prevention programs led by the Manitoba RCMP, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced this week.

“Our government continues to make strategic investments that support public safety and help to reduce crime,” said Cullen. “We are proud to partner with Crime Stoppers, police agencies and community members to ensure they have everything they need to keep Manitobans safe.”

The RCMP received funding to send three young adults and their chaperones to the Manitoba Criminal Justice Association crime prevention workshop, which is being held in Winnipeg Nov. 2. Participants will have the opportunity to share concerns from their community, exchange ideas with others, learn about crime prevention strategies and problems connected to drugs and criminal behaviour, and then bring what they’ve learned home to their communities.

Representatives include a criminal justice and political science student from Dakota Tipi First Nation, a youth committee member of the Manitoba Metis Federation – Northwest Region, and a youth committee member of the Manitoba Metis Federation – Winnipeg Region.

The minister noted more than \$1.4 million will be distributed this year through the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund. Since 2010, more than \$19 million in assets have been successfully forfeited to Manitoba through criminal property forfeitures.

For more information, please visit: www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/cpf/index.html.

MANITOBA ANNOUNCES NEW IMMIGRATION PATHWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The province has introduced two new pathways for international students under the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP), Education and Training Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced this week. The International Student Entrepreneur Pathway and Graduate Internship Pathway are now open to international student graduates in Manitoba.

“By providing students a fast track to nomination for permanent residency, we hope to attract and retain more talented innovators and entrepreneurs from all over the world,” said Goertzen. “International students bring new ideas, global connections and an entrepreneurial spirit to our province and when they create opportunities for themselves, Manitoba becomes more competitive and innovative.”

The International Student Entrepreneur Pathway will help graduates establish and operate a business in Manitoba. To be eligible, a student must complete a minimum two-year program at a Manitoba post-secondary institution, invest in and actively manage a business. Under a two-year pilot program, entrepreneurs accepted through this pathway will receive a temporary work permit.

The provincial nominee program was created in 1998 to attract job-ready skilled workers and business investors to Manitoba. In April 2018, the province announced an International Education stream with a Career Employment Pathway for graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs, as well as waived the six-month waiting period for students to apply to MPNP when they find long-term employment in their high-demand occupation.

Information about MPNP is available at www.immigratemanitoba.com