FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: Take Back the Night in Peel

The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) is excited to announce our upcoming Take Back the Night (TBTN) event in Peel Region. Take Back the Night is an annual anti-violence rally and march that is held to increase awareness and support of women and gender diverse person's right to live without the fear of violence. It is the oldest worldwide movement that focuses on ending sexual violence.

"Take Back the Night is an incredibly powerful night of advocacy, community and solidarity. Together women and gender-diverse folks march to reclaim space that continues to be dangerous for us. The power of using our voices together and demanding our safety is incredible. We deserve safety and will continue to march until gender-based violence is no longer a reality in our community." - Rebecca Pacheco, Development & Education Manager, Embrave: Agency to End Violence, PCAWA Coordinator

Take Back the Night 2025

When: Thursday September 18th, 2025

Where: Malton Community Centre, 3540 Morning Star Drive, Mississauga

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

The event will begin with a community fair at Malton Community Centre parking lot that will include community booths hosted by PCAWA member organizations and community partners. This is an incredible opportunity to stop by and learn about the supports and services these organizations offer to survivors of violence in our community.

Women, trans and gender-diverse folks will be invited to march together, sharing messages of strength,outrage and the need for systemic change. Cisgendered men will be invited to participate in an allyship activity to engage in meaningful conversation about the role they play in ending gender-based violence.

"Take Back the Night is a safe space for advocates and survivors to speak out against gender-based violence. Our goal is to bring the community together to uplift the voices of survivors and highlight the issue of sexual violence in our community. It also provides us the opportunity to share important community resources to both support survivors and prevent future incidents of violence." Dhriti Chhabra, Manager of Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS), Women's Support & Seniors Programs, PCAWA Special Events Planning Committee Co-Chair

We want to share a call to action to our community to show up and speak out against gender-based violence. It is not until each and every member of our community recognizes their role in ending gender-based violence that any significant progress will be made in preventing gender-based violence at a systemic level.

We also want to share a call to action to our media partners and allies to join us and cover this important community event. Media plays a key role in knowledge distribution and community outreach in sharing information about the key supports and services that are available to survivors in our community. **We want survivors in our community to know that they are never alone, and we are always here if they need us.**

If you are a survivor of violence in need of support, please contact Embrave: Agency to End Violence's 24-hour Crisis Line at 905-403-0864 or 1-855-676-8515. You can also seek support from any of the PCAWA member agencies. Visit our website at www.pcawa.net for more information.

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About PCAWA

Founded in 1984, PCAWA is a cross-sectoral community collaborative of community members and organizations in Peel that have a shared goal of ending gender-based violence. For more information about PCAWA and Take Back the Night visit www.pcawa.net