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An Act to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic

CHAPTER 8
ACTS OF 2024

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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WHEREAS the Final Report of the Mass Casualty Commission found that “Gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence is an epidemic”;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation V.14 of the Report recommends that “All levels of government in Canada declare gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence to be an epidemic that warrants a meaningful and sustained society-wide response”;

AND WHEREAS, according to the Report, the use of the term “epidemic” underscores the fact that “gender-based, intimate partner, and family violence continue to be excessively prevalent in Nova Scotia”;

AND WHEREAS over 40 per cent of Canadian women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1** This Act may be cited as the *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act*.
 - 2** The Government of the Province shall recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in the Province.
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