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PROCLAMATION

Provincial Day of Action on Litter - May 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Ontario generates nearly a tonne of waste per person each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every 1,000 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill generates seven full-time jobs, \$360,000 in wages and more than \$700,000 in gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 per cent of litter collected during volunteer clean-ups along the shorelines of the Great Lakes is plastic; and

WHEREAS, litter can have negative impacts for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping in rural communities burdens local landowners and can have negative effects on farmland; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that true environmental stewardship starts with real action on the environmental challenges we face close to home, the prevalence of litter in our streets, green spaces and along our shorelines is a growing blight that threatens the quality of life in many communities and neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS, while many organizations, volunteers and communities have mobilized to hold clean-up days and take other initiatives to combat litter, it is everyone's responsibility to help protect and conserve our air, land and water; address litter and reduce waste.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim the May 10, 2022 Provincial Day of Action on Litter. I urge all members of our community to become more educated and aware of the far-reaching negative effects of litter and waste on our shorelines, green spaces and streets through public education campaigns; and commit to help protect and conserve our environment, not only on this day, but every day going forward.

DATED at Picton this 26th day of April, 2022
Mayor Steve Ferguson