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## PROCLAMATION

### International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

October 17, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the United Nation's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on October 17th throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Poverty is considered a violation of human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals have the primary goal to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere" by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, 13.5 percent of Prince Edward County residents are living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince Edward County has the second highest rate of food insecurity in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS**, 50.8 percent of households in Prince Edward County earn less than the average provincial cost of living; and

**WHEREAS**, 48.6% of renters in Prince Edward County spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, which is the national affordability threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, Poverty projections suggest that the social and economic impacts of the current health crisis will be significant and will exacerbate these figures;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2022 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Mayor Steve Ferguson  
DATED at Picton this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022