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## PROCLAMATION

### British Home Child Day - September 28, 2023

**WHEREAS**, Over 100,000 children from toddlers to age eighteen emigrated from the UK to Canada between 1869 and the late 1940s to be used as a source of labour on Canadian farms and in households as indentured labourers. Today, they are known as the "British Home Children" (BHC); and

**WHEREAS**, There are an estimated four million descendants of British Home Children living in Canada today; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of these children were settled in Prince Edward County and the surrounding area, contributing enormously to the building of this region; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 28, National British Home Child Day in Canada, thousands of people in Canada, Scotland and England will participate in the "Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute."

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Municipality of Prince Edward County, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2022 as "British Home Child Day and encourage all citizens to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants and community by leaving their porch lights on to lead them home or by placing a sunflower on the grave of a BHC at your local cemetery.

**DATED** at Picton this 26th day of September, 2023  
Mayor Steve Ferguson