



## PROCLAMATION

### National Volunteer Week - April 19 - 25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and is celebrated annually during the third week of April, and this year will be observed from April 19 to April 25; and

**WHEREAS**, this week-long celebration provides an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers whose generosity, kindness, and commitment of time and energy strengthen our community and contribute to a better world; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 24 million Canadians volunteer their time to help others, contributing nearly five billion volunteer hours each year; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers in Prince Edward County mentor our children, feed those in need, comfort the lonely, enhance our green spaces, and support charitable organizations through fundraising and service; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "*Your Year to Volunteer*," highlights the importance of fostering safe and inclusive environments for volunteers, investing in their training and development, and recognizing their valuable contributions, all of which are essential to ensuring that volunteerism continues to thrive as a force for sustainable development; and

**WHEREAS**, by coming together, committing support, and strengthening our collective efforts, we enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in our community,

**THEREFORE**, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim April 19 to April 25, 2026, as **National Volunteer Week**, and extend sincere thanks to all volunteers for their vital role and lasting impact within our community.

**DATED** at Picton this 21st day of April 2026  
Mayor Steve Ferguson