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## PROCLAMATION

### The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) for Canada Week-

**May 17 - 23, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) for Canada is a charitable community-based health care organization that has addressed community health and social needs for over 125 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Every year, VON Week is celebrated in concurrence with Queen Victoria's birthday. This week provides an opportunity to recognize the staff and volunteers and their willingness and courage to act and help those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, VON nurses, home support workers, community service coordinators and many other staff and volunteers have been caring for the lives and well-being of residents in Prince Edward, Hastings, and Northumberland counties since 1917; and,

**WHEREAS**, the VONs' 2026 theme, Powered by Compassion, honours its long-standing role in supporting people to live safely and independently at home and in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, compassion fuels the VON's mission and motivates its people to serve with dedication and care;

**THEREFORE**, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on behalf of Council, do hereby recognize **May 17 - 23, 2026** as the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada Week, and extend our gratitude to the VON for its commitment to care and the attention it provides to countless patients during demanding times.

**Dated** at Picton this 12th day of May 2026  
Mayor Steve Ferguson