



PROCLAMATION

June is Pride Month

WHEREAS, Pride Month takes place every June as a time to celebrate and honour the contributions, resilience, and vibrancy of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate diversity, affirm the right of every person to live authentically and safely, and promote inclusion, equity, and belonging for all people; and

WHEREAS, everyone in our community deserves to feel safe, valued, supported, and connected, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month raises awareness of the ongoing realities faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, recognizes the progress made toward equity and human rights, and reminds us that meaningful work still remains; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Belonging*, centres intergenerational voices across the 2SLGBTQIA+ community throughout Hastings and Prince Edward Counties and reflects the importance of creating communities where everyone has a place; and

WHEREAS, despite progress, 2SLGBTQIA+ people continue to experience discrimination, harassment, violence, and systemic barriers, and we all share a responsibility to challenge hate, support inclusion, and work toward safer and more equitable communities;

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize June 2026 as Pride Month in Prince Edward County.

DATED at Picton this 26th day of May 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson