

PROCLAMATION

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

October 17

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, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize October 17 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

DATED at Picton this 22nd day of September 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson