

PROCLAMATION

National Seniors Day - October 1

WHEREAS, National Seniors Day, observed annually on October 1, is an opportunity for Canadians to celebrate and recognize the contributions of older adults to our families, communities, and country; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Association for Retired Persons (CARP) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to promoting a positive vision of aging in Canada through advocacy for financial security, equitable access to health care, and freedom from discrimination and ageism; and

WHEREAS, CARP works to promote and protect the interests, rights, and quality of life of Canadians as they age; and

WHEREAS, seniors play a vital role in Prince Edward County as leaders, caregivers, mentors, volunteers, workers, and community builders, and their knowledge, experience, and dedication continue to enrich the social, cultural, and economic life of our municipality; and

WHEREAS, approximately 35 percent of Prince Edward County's population is aged 65 and older, making the County one of Canada's leading age-friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, the health, wellbeing, and connectedness of older adults in Prince Edward County are strengthened through the efforts of organizations such as The Prince Edward County Community Care for Seniors Association, whose programs and services help seniors live well at home and remain active members of the community; and

WHEREAS, National Seniors Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing contributions of seniors and to recognize the importance of supporting healthy, active, and engaged aging for all;

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize **October 1, 2026, as "National Seniors Day" in Prince Edward County** and encourage all residents to honour and celebrate the seniors who contribute so much to our community.

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