PROCLAMATION

International Volunteer Day - December 5, 2026

WHEREAS, International Volunteer Day, recognized annually on December 5, celebrates the contributions of volunteers around the world and provides an opportunity to recognize the meaningful impact of volunteerism in our communities;

WHEREAS, volunteers give generously of their time, skills and energy to support organizations, programs, events and initiatives that strengthen communities and enhance the lives of others;

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County benefits from the dedication of volunteers who contribute across community organizations, arts and culture, recreation, health and social services, environmental initiatives, local events and countless other causes;

WHEREAS, Volunteer + Information Centre HPE (VIQ) is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2026, having connected people with meaningful volunteer opportunities and supported community organizations throughout Hastings and Prince Edward Counties since 1966;

WHEREAS, for six decades, VIQ has helped individuals find opportunities to share their time and talents while helping organizations build the volunteer capacity they need to serve their communities;

WHEREAS, International Volunteer Day provides an opportunity to recognize the countless volunteers whose contributions help create stronger, more connected and resilient communities, and to encourage others to discover the many ways they can become involved;

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the County of Prince Edward, on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim December 5, 2026, as International Volunteer Day in Prince Edward County, and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers in our community.

DATED at Picton this 10th day of November 2026

Mayor Steve Ferguson