



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **November is Adoption Awareness Month**

Every child deserves to be loved, nurtured and have a permanent family. Sadly, some children in the care of Highland Shores Children's Aid are waiting for such a home. Adoption gives these young people a brighter future and brings great joy to the adoptive parents. It offers permanency and security and gives them the opportunity to develop healthy, nurturing relationships in a family setting.

**WHEREAS**, there are several children in Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties who are waiting for an adoptive home; and

**WHEREAS** Highland Shores Children's Aid has a continuing need for families who will adopt older children, sibling groups; children or youth with emotional, physical, social or behavioral challenges or medically fragile infants; and

**WHEREAS**, these children require extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal 2017/18, 9 children and youth from Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties were adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to stress that low income, being single or not owning a home does not disqualify individuals from adopting; and

**WHEREAS**, children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted these children require and deserve community support;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Quaiff, Mayor of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim

### **NOVEMBER 2018 as Adoption Awareness Month in the County of Prince Edward.**

In honor of this event, I encourage community members to learn more about adoption and honour those families who grow through adoption.

Mayor Robert L. Quaiff

**DATED** at Picton this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018