



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 rings 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 2016-2017, 19 children and youth from Hastings, Northumberland and Prince Edward counties were adopted by families within our communities; 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 L. Quaiff, Mayor of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017 as "*Adoption Awareness Month*" in the County of Prince Edward. In honour 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 22nd day of August, 2017