



## PROCLAMATION

### October is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**WHEREAS** child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Prince Edward County; and

**WHEREAS** every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and secure and to be free from neglect, as well as from verbal, emotional, sexual and physical abuse; and

**WHEREAS** Prince Edward County faces a continuing need to support community-based programs to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's unconditional right to a safe, nurturing childhood; and

**WHEREAS** Prince Edward County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

**WHEREAS** our community is stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of Prince Edward County celebrate children - our County's greatest resource and the community leaders of tomorrow;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Quaiff, Mayor of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 as "*Child Abuse Prevention Month*" in the County of Prince Edward, and commend this observance of the citizens of this County.

Mayor Robert L. Quaiff  
**DATED** at Picton this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017