



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 22nd day of August, 2017