



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **28th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty October 17, 2020**

**WHEREAS;** the United Nation's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on October 17th throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS** Poverty is considered a violation of human rights; and

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals have the primary goal to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere" by 2030; and

**WHEREAS** 13.5 percent of Prince Edward County residents are living in poverty; and

**WHEREAS** Prince Edward County has the second highest rate of food insecurity in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** 50.8 percent of households in Prince Edward County earn less than the average provincial cost of living; and

**WHEREAS** 48.6% of renters in Prince Edward County spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, which is the national affordability threshold; and

**WHEREAS** Poverty projections suggest that the social and economic impacts of the current health crisis will be significant and will exacerbate these figures.

**THEREFORE, I,** Mayor Steve Ferguson, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2020 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Mayor Steve Ferguson

**DATED** at Picton this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020