



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** Over 100,000 children from toddlers to the age of eighteen were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada. These children were either adopted or used as a source of labour on our farms and in our Canadian households. They are known today as 'British Home Children' (BHC); and
- Whereas:** There is an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today; and
- Whereas:** Many of these children settled on Cape Breton Island and the province of Nova Scotia. They contributed enormously to the building of the Island; and
- Whereas:** The year 2019 marks the arrival of the first party of BHC to Canada; and
- Whereas:** On September 28th, our National British Home Children Day in Canada, cities and municipalities across Canada as well as England and Scotland participated in the 'Beacons of Light for the BHC and Child Migrants Tribute' to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants.
- Therefore:** I, Betty Ann MacQuarrie, Warden of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, do hereby proclaim September 28th to be known as British Home Child Day in the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Warden

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2019