



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

### "BRITISH HOME CHILDREN'S DAY" SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

- WHEREAS:** From 1869 through to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada to be used as indentured farm workers and domestic help. Believed to be orphans, only 2% truly were. These children have become known as the "British Home Children" (BHC); and
- WHEREAS:** Many of these children settled in Canada as adults, fought for our country in the wars, contributing enormously to the building of this and many cities across Canada; and
- WHEREAS:** There are an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today; and
- WHEREAS:** The year 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first party of BHC to Canada.
- WHEREAS:** September 28<sup>th</sup> is commemorated nationally as British Home Children's Day in Canada, a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb 7, 2018
- WHEREAS:** On September 28, 2019, our National BHC Day in Canada, over 70 venues and cities (to date) across Canada, Scotland and England, will be participating in the "Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute" to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants, including Niagara Falls, the CN Tower in Toronto and multiple city halls proclamations
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Drew Dilkens, do hereby proclaim

**September 28, 2019**  
**"British Home Children's Day"**  
in the City of Windsor



Mayor