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Proclamation Request Form

Contact Info

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Organization Information

Organization Name Home Children Canada

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Is your organization a non-profit?

Yes

Proclamation Information

Proclamation Name National British Home Child Day

Start Date Saturday, September 28, 2024

How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?

September 28th is National British Home Child Day in Canada, as proclaimed by the Government of Canada in 2017. Home Child Canada is asking you to join cities across Canada and internationally to proclaim September 28 as National British Home Child Day in Kingston.

I am a volunteer from the group, Home Children Canada, a registered charity that seeks to promote awareness of the Child Migration Scheme to Canada. <https://www.britishhomechildren.com/>

Our charity works to educate the general public about this little-known International Child Migration scheme which began in the late 19th Century continuing until the 1970's. Thousands of children, of all ages came to Canada from poor and culturally marginalized families in the British Isles. Children were sent to Canada (and various parts of the British empire) to be used as cheap labour. Kingston was part of this history with 2 receiving homes: The House of Providence, Kingston and the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

My grandmother, one of these children, arrived in Canada in 1884 at the age of 10 and within a week of arriving was assigned to a farm to work as a domestic servant for only her room and board and \$100 when she turned 21. These children went on to serve in large numbers in WW1 and WW2 as well as make many contributions to Canada. Today, it is thought that more than ten percent of the Canadian population may be descended from British Home Children. Kingston's own Don Cherry's grandfather, Richard Palamountain was just one of these children.

A proclamation in addition to Lighting City Hall and Springer Market Square in the Red, White and Blue of Britain, would raise awareness of this largely unknown, sad part of Canada's history.

I would be happy to send you a video of last year's illuminations with Kingstons beautiful City Hall and Springer Square among the highlights.
Please feel free to contact me if I can provide more information.

Will this proclamation be presented at an event?

No

Include the proclamation in an ad under the City of Kingston banner in the Kingston Whig Standard? (Additional cost applies)

No

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