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PROCLAMATION

“BRITISH HOME CHILD DAY”

September 28, 2019

- 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 farms and in Canadian households. They are known today as the “British Home Children (BHC); and
- WHEREAS** There are an estimated four million descendants of British Home Children living in Canada today; and
- WHEREAS** The year 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first party of British Home Children to Canada; and
- WHEREAS** On September 28th, our National British Home Children Day in Canada, in addition to over 34 venues across Canada, Scotland and England will be participating in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute” to honour the memory of the British Home Children and their descendants.
- THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2019 as

British Home Child Day

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor