



Proclamation

British Home Child Day

September 28, 2023

Whereas between 1869 – 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated from the United Kingdom to across Canada. These children were used as farm workers and domestics as a source of labour. They are known today as the British Home Children (BHC). Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten; and,

Whereas British Home Children were settled throughout the Region of York helping to support our farmers and building our communities; and,

Whereas it is estimated that over 10% of the current population of Canada and approximately four million people are descended from these Home Children; and,

Whereas 2023 marks the 154th year since the first British Home Child arrived in Canada; and,

Whereas on September 28th, many landmarks and venues throughout Canada and the United Kingdom will mark the 154th Anniversary of the arrival of the first British Home Child with special events to honour the memory of these children and their descendants.

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim **September 28, 2023**, as **British Home Child Day** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas
Mayor