



# Town of Arnprior

## Proclamation

**September 28, 2019 as:  
"British Home Child Day"**

**Whereas** from 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics and were believed by Canadians to be orphans, though only two percent truly were; and

**Whereas** 2019 marks the 150th year since the first BHC arrived in Canada; and


**Whereas** these children, known as the British Home Children ("BHC") and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada's Nation Builders; and

**Whereas** The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the BHC. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories, often providing closure from painful pasts; and

**Whereas** September 28th is commemorated nationally as British Home Child 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** British Home Children's vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten;

**Therefore**, I, Walter Stack, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28, 2019 as "British Home Child Day" in the Town of Arnprior.

  
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Mayor Walter Stack, Town of Arnprior

September 23, 2019  
Date