



PROCLAMATION

"BRITISH HOME CHILD DAY"

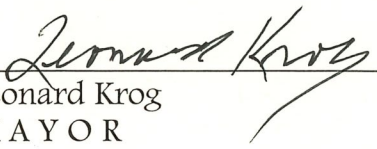
September 28, 2019

- 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 our farms and in our Canadian households. They are known today as the "British Home Children" (BHC); and
- WHEREAS: there is an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today; and
- WHEREAS: many of these children were settled on Vancouver Island and the surrounding area. They contributed enormously to the building of the Island; and
- WHEREAS: the year 2019 marks the arrival of the first party of BHC to Canada; and
- WHEREAS: on September 28 our National BHC Day in Canada, Scotland and England will be participating in the "Beacons of Light for the BHC and Child Migrants Tribute" to honour the memory of the BCH and their descendants.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2019 to be known as:

"British Home Child Day"

in the City of Nanaimo.


Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 11th day of September 2019

