



# Proclamation

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## British Home Child Day

September 27, 2024

**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** 2024 marks the 155<sup>th</sup> year since the first British Home Child arrived in Canada; and,

**Whereas** on September 27<sup>th</sup>, many landmarks and venues throughout Canada and the United Kingdom will mark the 155<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 2024**, as **British Home Child Day** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor