THE CITY OF WINDSOR
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

"British Home Children's Day"
September 28, 2026

WHEREAS: from 1869 to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada to be used as indentured farm workers and domestic help. Believed to be orphans, only about 2% truly were. These children are collectively referred to as "British Home Children"(BHC); and,

WHEREAS: many of these children settled in Canada as adults, fought for our country in the wars, and contributed to the development of this and many cities across Canada; and,

WHEREAS: there are an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today; and,

WHEREAS: September 28 is commemorated nationally as "British Home Children's Day" in Canada, a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 in the House of Commons, February 7, 2018; and,

WHEREAS: on September 28, 2026, our National BHC Day in Canada, many venues across Canada, England, and Scotland will be participating in the "Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute," to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants; and,

HEREFORE: I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

September 28, 2026
"British Home Children's Day"
in the City of Windsor.

Mayor

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