



## PROCLAMATION

### Youth Homelessness Awareness Day May 3, 2016

**Whereas** at any time during the year as many as 65,000 youth in Canada are without a place to call home; and

**Whereas** local data shows one third of people in shelters are youth between the ages of 15 and 24; and

**Whereas** the reasons youth are homeless are different from adults who are homeless, and the solutions need to be unique; and

**Whereas** to explore unique local solutions a shared community plan, led by United Way of KFL&A, to End Youth Homelessness in Kingston & Area was launched in 2013; and

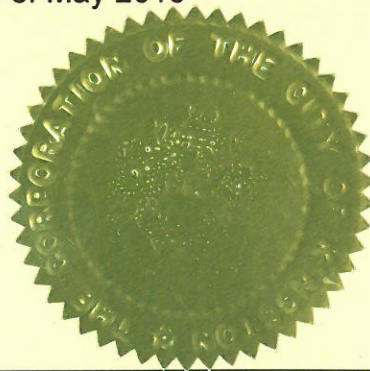
**Whereas** following the launch of the plan a Youth Homelessness Steering Committee and Youth Council were created to develop an implementation plan in 2014; and

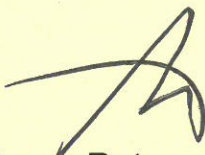
**Whereas** youth voice and perspectives have been at the forefront of the work to reduce youth homelessness in our community; and

**Whereas** the initiative to end youth homelessness in Kingston should be congratulated for showing great leadership and demonstrating innovative thinking to create unique and lasting solutions.

Therefore, I Mayor Bryan Paterson, for the City of Kingston, Ontario, proclaim May 3, 2016 as "Youth Homelessness Awareness Day" in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2016



  
Bryan Paterson  
Mayor