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 2nd day of May 2016

Bryan Paterson
Mayor