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PROCLAMATION

HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2011

WHEREAS the fear of losing one's mind and the fear of losing control of one's body are among the most profound human fears;

AND WHEREAS both losses occur in Huntington disease, an inherited and fatal brain disorder that strikes in the prime of life;

AND WHEREAS every child of a parent with Huntington disease faces a 50 percent risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and there is no effective treatment and no known cure – yet;

AND WHEREAS the Huntington Society of Canada has initiated and supported research into the cause and nature of this fatal disease, and the work of the Society has brought new hope to the people with Huntington disease and families who bear the burden of this affliction;

AND WHEREAS research continues to offer the promise of early diagnosis, treatment techniques and ultimately a cure for Huntington disease;

AND WHEREAS the month of May will be observed as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in communities across Canada;

THEREFORE, I, Peter A. Mertens, Mayor of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as "Huntington Disease Awareness Month" in the County of Prince Edward, and urge all our citizens to lend their support to the Huntington Society of Canada in its efforts to unravel, not only the mystery of Huntington disease, but also a wide range of other genetic, neurological and psychiatric disorders affecting the lives of so many Canadians.

DATED at Picton this 28th day of April, 2011
Peter A. Mertens, Mayor