

## MOTION

No. 14

### Recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Publication of Anne of Green Gables

Honourable Carolyn Bertram gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Honourable Richard Brown, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** Lucy Maud Montgomery's first major novel, Anne of Green Gables, was published in New York by L. C. Page and Company in 1908;

**AND WHEREAS** the adventures of Anne Shirley and the vivid descriptions of life in rural Prince Edward Island at the turn of the twentieth century struck an immediate cord and led to lasting fame for the author;

**AND WHEREAS** Montgomery continued to write about her home province and produced a further nine books that featured Anne Shirley, as well as 10 other novels, 12 volumes of short stories and two volumes of poetry, as well as other works;

**AND WHEREAS** the story of Anne has been recounted in both silent and spoken motion pictures, television movies and series in Canada, Great Britain, Japan and in musical theatre productions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Charlottetown Festival's production of Anne of Green Gables is Canada's longest running mainstage musical theatre production and has been seen by more than two million people all over the world;

**AND WHEREAS** Anne of Green Gables is the subject of numerous scholarly articles, web sites and publications;

**AND WHEREAS** Montgomery's novel has become a classic and has been translated into 17 languages, which has introduced readers all over the world to L. M. Montgomery's view of Prince Edward Island;

**AND WHEREAS** for a hundred years Anne of Green Gables has served, and continues to serve, as a fictional ambassador for Prince Edward Island and still represents a major attraction for visitors to the province;

**AND WHEREAS** Anne herself is our most famous fictional Islander and one of the most internationally recognized Canadian literary figures;

**AND WHEREAS** the Anne of Green Gables novel has continued to be read and enjoyed in the intervening century and today serves youth as a symbol of determination, idealism and imagination, providing enrichment and a sense of natural wonder;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the year 2008 be proclaimed and celebrated as the centenary year of the publication of L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Islanders be encouraged to read or re-read Anne of Green Gables and celebrate the achievement of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

Signed by: Honourable Carolyn Bertram

Signed by: Honourable Richard Brown

24 October 2007

1:45 p.m.