

MOTION

No. 19

In appreciation of Island youth and their contributions to keeping our community safe

Karla Bernard gives notice that he will move, seconded by Lynne Lund, the following Motion:

WHEREAS two-thirds of diagnosed COVID-19 cases on PEI are among Islanders younger than 40 years of age, with a significant proportion of those cases impacting Islanders in their 20s;

AND WHEREAS Island youth are acutely exposed to the health risks and harms related to COVID-19 through their employment in highly public-facing workplaces;

AND WHEREAS Island youth are acutely exposed to the economic risks and harms related to COVID-19, as a result of inadequate wages, inconsistent paid sick leave, precarious employment and challenges obtaining gainful employment;

AND WHEREAS Island youth have taken their role in COVID-19 prevention seriously and continue to respond promptly and willingly to all calls of the Chief Public Health Office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its appreciation of Island youth and recognize their ongoing extraordinary efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, and in so doing, keep our community safe;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to better support our Island youth during these challenging times and thereafter.

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Signed by: Lynne Lund

Date: March 2, 2021