



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Erickson Manufacturing Ltd.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community;

Erickson Manufacturing Ltd. was established by Brent and Connie Erickson in 1977 initially as a two-person operation in a tiny two-car garage. Thirty-seven years later, Erickson Manufacturing is now a prospering, active, North American leader in Tie-Down Straps, Tow Straps, Loading Ramps and many more securement related products.

Erickson Manufacturing is a family run corporation comprising of President and Founder Brent Erickson and his wife Connie, along with their three daughters, Nicole, Michelle and Crystal. With business locations on both sides of the border employing 50 employees in total, the Canadian manufacturing and distribution centre in Thamesville is approximately 75,000 square feet. A second similar sized facility in Marine City, Michigan houses a manufacturing, distribution, and research and development centres.

As part of staying on top of safety and quality, Erickson Manufacturing is a voted-in member of the Web Sling and Tie-Down Association which keeps them up to date with legislation, new technology and more. Erickson Manufacturing is constantly redesigning and re-evaluating their products by sourcing new materials. They have won numerous awards and accolades, including the Top Domestic Sales Award and Supplier of the Year from Princess Auto.

The Erickson family supports local organizations such as the Chatham Outlaws Hockey, as well as sponsoring public skating in Dresden and other charitable organizations.

Erickson Manufacturing continues to be a leader in quality manufacturing and their plans are to continue to grow on an annual basis, and by doing so, creating career opportunities for Chatham-Kent residents.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Erickson Manufacturing Ltd. is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of April 2014.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 29th day of April 2014.

Randy R. Hope
Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:

Michael Bondy, Jim Brown, Marjorie Crew, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Anne Gilbert, Karen Herman,
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