



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

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Giffin's Maple Syrup Products

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;

Giffin's Maple Syrup Products is a family run operation, with Don and Jean Giffin being the owners. Don and Jean began farming operations in 1973 as Willow Creek Farms, along with Don's parents Gerald and Marion Giffin, which consists of 400 acres of cash crops. Don and Jean began their maple syrup operation in 1980 and have 2800 taps in their 50 acre maple bush.

Don is the main worker in the maple bush and has four seasonal workers during the main maple syrup season. Maple syrup is of course their main product, but they also produce maple candy, maple butter, maple jelly, maple stirred sugar, and maple candy floss.

Don and Jean also authored the "Simply Maple Cookbook", which is a collection of 280 maple syrup recipes.

The Giffin's have also been recipients of a number of awards, including: the 1997-98 World Champions in Maple Syrup; the 1999 Charles P. Corbet Trophy for the highest score in maple sugar classes; and the 2000 Maple Syrup Award from the Premier of Ontario. Along with maple syrup production, the Giffin's also grow cash crops, and in 2013 the Ontario Seeds Growers awarded them highest yield in soybeans for all of Ontario.

Don and Jean Giffin are strong community supporters, and have given their time, sponsorship, and involvement to many local community organizations and events.

The Giffin's are committed to fostering good work ethics and producing maple syrup that is delicious with hospitality that is genuinely Canadian. They continue to seek new opportunities in agriculture and adapt to new quality standards for their farming operation.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Giffin Maple Syrup Products is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of April 2015.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 10th day of April 2015.

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

On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:

Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Darrin Canniff, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Karen Herman, Leon Leclair,
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