

## Proclamation African Heritage Month February 2021

WHEREAS, the Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to celebrating the cultural heritage of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month – a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of Black people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 37th year the Black History Month Association has celebrated the achievements of African Nova Scotians in Halifax; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act", recognizes the important legacy of people of African Descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada. This theme brings focus and increased awareness of racialized issues of a community that has overcome great adversity for inclusion in all aspects of Society. It further calls on us to listen, learn, share and act to make society a better place.

WHEREAS, this year's theme also aligns with the 2015 to 2024 global observance of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent which focus is on strengthening global cooperation in support of people of African descent as they strive for full inclusion in all aspects of society

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as "African Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

