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I am respectfully submitting a request for presentation at the Regional Council Meeting of December 7, 2021. The subject of this proposed presentation is a historic event that occurred in Halifax Harbour on January 15, 1792 -- the departure of 15 Ships to Freetown, Sierra Leone carrying 1,196 self liberated men and women who were Nova Scotians of African Descent, known as Black Loyalists. The desired outcome of this presentation is a motion by council to commemorate this occasion in HRM and that the municipality recognizes January 15, 2022 as the 230th anniversary of this unprecedented exodus that took place at the height of the Transatlantic Slave Trade - the first and largest return of people of African descent to the continent of Africa. The presenters would also like to submit a petition at this time addressing the need for commemoration.

Presenters will be Ms. Karen Hudson, principal of Auburn H.S. and associate.

Submitted by

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