

## **Proclamation**

## **German Settlers Day**

June 7, 2022

WHEREAS German settlers began arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1750;

WHEREAS in 1811 six German families were granted 800 acres by King George III to establish Peggy's Cove, Halifax County;

WHEREAS the founding of Lunenburg is celebrated each year on June 7th;

For over 270 years, German, Austrian and Swiss descendants continue to make significant cultural, economic, creative, and social contributions to our diverse municipality, living in rural and urban areas and working in every sector;

Distinctive German, Austrian and Swiss identities and communities have formed over several generations, enriched through mutual sharing with other communities and strengthened by the presence of historic landmarks and contemporary cultural symbols;

Halifax Regional Municipality comprises of close to 300 years of German heritage, including Schmidtville Heritage District, which constituted the area between Queen Street, Spring Garden Road, and South Park Street to the northern border of Holy Cross Cemetery, as well as Rottenburg (Clyde) Street; the 'Little Dutch (Deutsch) Church; Bayers (Bavarian), Dutch (Deutsch) Village and Coburg Roads, as well as Brunswick (Braunschweig), Artz (Doctor), Gottingen (Göttingen), Hanover, Berlin and Vienna Streets.

WHEREAS the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022, a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that promotes the understanding and appreciation of the German language, the cultures of German-speaking countries, and the preservation of German heritage.

THEREFORE, be it resolved I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim June 7th, 2022 as " German Settlers Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 7th day of June 2022

