



## Proclamation African Heritage Month February 2023

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, 2023 marks the 39th year the Black History Month Association has celebrated the achievements of African Nova Scotians in Halifax; and

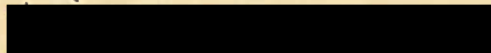
WHEREAS, this year's theme **Seas of Struggle: African Peoples from Shore to Shore** outlines the struggles of people of African Descent faced from the shores of Africa to the shores of Nova Scotia. Recognizing that the one thing that has remained constant in our history is the Atlantic Ocean. The long-standing history of people of African Descent in the development of Canada, the sea has played a vital role. This theme explores the struggle and adversity that was overcome and examines the effects of slavery and sea faring of African Nova Scotians.

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 (DPAD). The goal of DPAD, is to strengthen global cooperation in support of people of African descent, increase awareness, and the passage towards presence in all aspects of society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as "African Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 1st day of February 2023



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor