



Proclamation

Nova Scotia Heritage Day February 20th, 2023

WHEREAS, in 2015 Nova Scotia first recognized Heritage Day to be celebrated annually on the third Monday in February. This day is a yearly reminder of the contributions of the remarkable people, places, and events that have shaped Nova Scotia to become what we know it as today; and

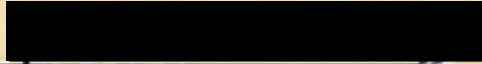
WHEREAS, this year's Heritage Day honoree is Elder Rita Joe, a well-known Mi'kmaq poet and writer from We'koqma'q First Nation. Rita played a vital role in clearing the path for other Mi'kmaq authors, with her greatest wish being to see more writing from her people, the Mi'kmaq. Her love of writing and inspiring words are still remembered and continue to inspire writers to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Halifax Regional Municipality honored the late Rita Joe by naming a Halifax Transit Ferry after her and in 2002 Rita Joe was one of four Elders recognized during Mi'kmaq History Month by Halifax Regional Municipality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby recognize February 20th, 2023 as "Heritage Day" in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 17th day of February 2023




Mike Savage
Mayor