



Proclamation

Remembrance Day of the 100-Year Anniversary of the Chinese Immigration Act June 23, 2023

WHEREAS, the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923, known as the Chinese Exclusion Act, was enacted 100 years ago on July 1, 1923, in Canada, stands as a dark chapter in Canada's history, leaving lasting impacts on our society; and

WHEREAS, alongside the Chinese Immigration Act of 1885 which imposed a head tax on Chinese newcomers, this racist legislation effectively barred people from China from entering Canada for a distressing span of 24 years, separating families and perpetuating prejudice against individuals of Chinese origin; and


WHEREAS, we acknowledge the scars left by this systemic discrimination and racist policy which not only separated loved ones but also perpetuated prejudice against people of Chinese origin, contributing to ongoing challenges faced by subsequent generations; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the historical significance of the 1919 Anti-Chinese Riot that occurred in Halifax, further underscoring the struggles faced by the Chinese-Canadian community in our city; and

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality acknowledges the historical impact of the Chinese Immigration Act and the 1919 Anti-Chinese Riot in Halifax, and we commit to learning from our past to foster an inclusive and equitable society, honouring the resilience and contributions of the Chinese-Canadian community and standing against discrimination;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim June 23, 2023 as the **Remembrance Day of the 100-Year Anniversary of the Chinese Immigration Act** for HRM. We join together to remember, reflect and recommit ourselves to building a stronger, more inclusive and equitable Halifax Regional Municipality that celebrates diversity and unites against racism.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 23rd day of June, 2023


Mike Savage
Mayor