



**Proclamation
Jamaica's Independence Anniversary
August 4, 2023**

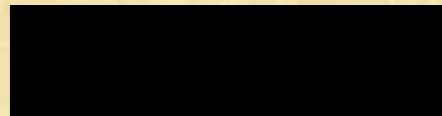
WHEREAS Jamaica, the jewel of the Caribbean, gained its independence on August 6th, 1962, beginning the journey towards liberation from the restraints of colonial rule and embracing the promise of self-determination and nationhood. Today, August 4th, 2023, we gather to commemorate the 61st anniversary of that historic milestone and to recognize the remarkable achievements and contributions of Jamaicans both in our homeland and abroad.

We recognize the courage, strength, and unwavering spirit of the Jamaican people, who shaped their nation into a beacon of hope, resilience, and cultural richness. From the rhythmic beats of reggae music to the explosive athleticism of Jamaican athletes, from the captivating artistry of Jamaican painters to the mouth-watering flavors of Jamaican cuisine. The world has been enriched by the vibrant and diverse heritage of Jamaica. In Nova Scotia, we are privileged to have a vibrant Jamaican community, who have brought their talents, traditions, and warmth to our province, making it a more dynamic and inclusive place. Through their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence, Jamaican-Canadians have made significant contributions to various fields, including education, arts, sports, business, and community development.

Today, as we hoist the Jamaican flag, we acknowledge these sacrifices and achievements. We affirm our commitment to fostering multicultural understanding, and harmony within our diverse community and vow to continue promoting inclusivity, equality, and justice for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby acknowledge August 6th, 2023, as a day of celebration, marking Jamaica's Independence Anniversary. May the Jamaican flag, with its vibrant colors of black, green, and gold, forever inspire us to pursue freedom, justice, and unity. May it serve as a reminder that together, we can overcome adversity and build a brighter future for all.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 4th day of August 2023



Mike Savage
Mayor