



Proclamation African Heritage Month February 2024

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, 2024 marks the 40th year the Black History Month Association has celebrated the achievements of African Nova Scotians in Halifax; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme **Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians**, outlines the spirit of perseverance that people of African Descent have demonstrated over the centuries in our province. It can be said that our smiles can tell a story, they can share our joy and can share our resilience. This African Heritage Month we celebrate our heritage and culture and the incredible spirit to overcome; and

WHEREAS, the theme also aligns with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024. 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. Nova Scotia has 52 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a long, deep and complex history dating back over 200 years. African Heritage Month provides us with another opportunity to celebrate our culture, legacy, achievements, and contributions of our people – past and present.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as "African Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of February 2024



Mike Savage
Mayor

