



**Proclamation**

**German Settlers Day  
June 7, 2024**

WHEREAS, German settlers began arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1750; and in 1811 six German families were granted 800 acres by King George III to establish Peggy's Cove, Halifax County; and

WHEREAS, the founding of Lunenburg is celebrated each year on June 7<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, for over 270 years, German, Austrian and Swiss descendants continue to make significant cultural, economic, creative and social contributions to our diverse municipality, living in rural and urban areas and working in every sector; and

WHEREAS, distinctive German, Austrian and Swiss identities and communities have formed over several generations, enriched through mutual sharing with other communities and strengthened by the presence of historic landmarks and contemporary cultural symbols; and

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality comprises of close to 300 years of German heritage, including Schmidville Heritage District, which constituted the area between Queen Street, Spring Garden Road and South Park Street to the northern border of Holy Cross Cemetery, as well as Rottenburg (Clyde) Street; the "Little Dutch" (Deutsch) Church; Bayers (Bavarian), Dutch (Deutsch) Village and Coburg Roads, as well as Brunswick (Braunschweig), Artz (Doctor), Gottingen (Göttingen), Hanover, Berlin and Vienna Streets; and

WHEREAS the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia established in 1972 is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that promotes the understanding and appreciation of the German language, the Culture of German Speaking countries and the preservation of German heritage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as "German Settlers Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024



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Mike Savage  
Mayor