

## **Proclamation**

## 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia, and Herzegovina

WHEREAS, in 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were murdered in Srebrenica by the army, paramilitaries and police forces of the Republic of Srpska. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice have ruled that this massacre was an act of genocide and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Canadian House of Commons unanimously passed Brian Masse's motion M-416, which recognized the genocide and established *Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Canada*; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the House of Commons unanimously passed a historic motion to recognize the month of April as *Genocide Remembrance*, *Condemnation and Prevention Month* and named the ones recognized by Canada's House of Commons, including the Srebrenica Genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Canada joined the list of sponsors of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution declaring July 11 as the *International Day of Remembrance of the Genocide in Srebrenica in 1995.* 

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, recognize July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and call on all residents to join survivors of the Srebrenica genocide in Canada in remembering and reflecting on this terrible tragedy and to condemn this act of violence in the strongest possible terms.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 11th day of July, 2024



Mike Savage Mayor