

Proclamation

African Heritage Month February 2025

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, 2025 marks the 41st year the Black History Month Association has celebrated the achievements of African Nova Scotians in Halifax; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance

This theme highlights the living legacy of Black Nova Scotians, honoring the impact and perseverance of the long-standing community. It highlights the greatness we hold, the paths we lead through our deep connection with our elders, storytelling, the rhythms of change, and the ability to look back to move forward.

WHEREAS, the theme also aligns with Canada adoption of a second United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2025-2034. 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.

THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Andy Fillmore, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as "African Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1st day of February 2025

