## Item No. 21.7



**Proclamation** Tamil Heritage Month January 1-31, 2025

WHEREAS, January 1-31 is Tamil Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Tamil people have established deep roots and flourished in communities across the province, thereby enriching the social, economic, and political fabric of Nova Scotia; and

**WHEREAS**, the government of Nova Scotia recognizes the history and essential role of the Tamil community in the province; and

WHEREAS, January is an important month for Tamil Nova Scotians, with the Tamil Harvest Festival, Thai Pongal, taking place in January; and

WHEREAS, the government of Nova Scotia acknowledges the strength and resiliency of the Tamil community in overcoming hardships and advocating for social justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the government of Nova Scotia encourages everyone to learn more about the history of Tamil Canadians and to reflect on their many contributions to this province; and

WHEREAS, the Tamil community in Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality is an integral part of our diverse community, and we value their culture and contributions to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the shared cultural values of hard work and hope between the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Tamil people. Together, we can build a better world that recognizes and cherishes diversity.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Mayor Andy Filmore, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim January 1-31 as Tamil Heritage Month in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025

> Andy Filmore Mayor