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## PROCLAMATION

### **Black History Month** **February 2021**

**WHEREAS**, throughout its long history, Ontario has been characterized and strengthened by its diverse and distinctive cultures, and;

**WHEREAS**, from the time of its establishment, people of African and Caribbean descent have made significant contributions to the development and betterment of the province;

**WHEREAS**, the Black community continues to play a vital role within the social and cultural mosaic that is Ontario;

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month was first recognized in Ontario in February 1993, marking the 200th anniversary of the passage of legislation prohibiting the importation of slaves into Upper Canada;

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month continues to provide the opportunity to remember and celebrate the contribution that African and Caribbean Canadians have made to Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Rob Burton, Mayor of the Town of Oakville, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** February 2021 as Black History Month in Oakville.

Mayor Rob Burton  
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