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PROCLAMATION

African, Caribbean, and Black Canadian Appreciation Month August 2021

WHEREAS, August 1, Emancipation Day, marks the day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect across the British Empire; and

WHEREAS, as individuals fought enslavement, we continue to fight against anti-Black racism, struggle for equity and social justice including the elimination of discrimination of any kind among citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oakville is committed to be a place where the rights and freedoms of all its citizens are respected, protected and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the contributions of African, Caribbean and Black Canadians to a rich history of diversity and in shaping our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage residents to come together in unity to celebrate our diversity and inclusion of all citizens to live and work together in harmony;

NOW THEREFORE, I Rob Burton, Mayor of the Town of Oakville, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** August 2021 as **African, Caribbean and Black Canadian Appreciation Month** in the Town of Oakville.

Mayor Rob Burton,
TOWN OF OAKVILLE