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PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH February 2023

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; and

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

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; and

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 2023, as **Black History Month** in the Town of Oakville.

Mayor Rob Burton,
TOWN OF OAKVILLE