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Proclamation

Black History Month February 1st, 2024

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

WHEREAS, Black History Month, was first recognized in Ontario in February 1993, to commemorate legislation that prohibited the importation of slaves into Upper Canada and on in 1995 the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada; and

WHEREAS, people of African and Caribbean descent have significantly contributed to Ontario's and Oakville's progress and success while making important contributions to Canadian society; and

WHEREAS, the Black community remains a vital element within our town's social and cultural mosaic; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month continues to provide an opportunity to remember and celebrate the contributions of African and Caribbean Canadians to our society.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rob Burton, Mayor of the Town of Oakville, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM February 2024, as Black History Month in the Town of Oakville.

Mayor Rob Burton
Town of Oakville