



Emancipation Day August 1

WHEREAS August 1st is Emancipation Day commemorating the anniversary date of 1834 when the British parliament abolished slavery across its empire, freeing about 800,000 enslaved people of African descent throughout the British colonies;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia joins the world in recognizing August 1 as Emancipation Day by officially legislating the Emancipation Day Act on April 19, 2021;

WHEREAS Emancipation Day will recognize the history and impacts of slavery in the province;

WHEREAS The institution of slavery was foundational to the history of systemic anti-Black racism that has impacted people of African descent in Nova Scotia for generations;

WHEREAS Slavery continued in the Province of Nova Scotia until the early 1800s;

WHEREAS We must acknowledge that slavery was part of our province and country's horrific past and this history must be shared in our efforts to work together to address anti-Black racism and all forms of racism so all Nova Scotians can prosper, reach their full potential, and live as equal citizens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2022, as Emancipation Day in the Town of New Glasgow. I encourage residents, businesses and community groups to participate in the activities and celebrations taking place across the province throughout the month of August and to take the opportunity to reflect and learn something new about the importance of Emancipation Day during this historic year.

Mayor Nancy Dicks