



## PROCLAMATION

# VIOLA DESMOND DAY PROCLAMATION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

**WHEREAS:** The Town of New Glasgow has a rich and varied culture of which it is proud; and

**WHEREAS:** part of this culture is that of our African-Nova Scotian heritage; and

**WHEREAS:** Viola Desmond was an African Nova Scotian civil rights activist and highly successful businesswoman who has come to be a historical icon in Canada and around the world; and

**WHEREAS:** on November 8, 1946, Viola Desmond was refused admittance to general seating in a theatre because of her colour; and

**WHEREAS:** as a direct result of her taking a stand against this discrimination, laws allowing segregation practices were repealed; and

**WHEREAS:** every year throughout the Province of Nova Scotia, November 8th is observed under the name of Viola Desmond Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow do hereby declare November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Viola Desmond Day in the Town of New Glasgow.

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Mayor Nancy Dicks