



PROCLAMATION

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians

FEBRUARY 2024

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has deemed February as African Heritage Month;

WHEREAS people of African ancestry contributed significantly and positively to the shaping of our Canadian society for 150 years;

WHEREAS people of African ancestry have been residents of Nova Scotia for more than four hundred years;

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent;

WHEREAS the Town of New Glasgow is provincially recognized as one of the more than 50 African Nova Scotian communities in the Province of Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS the Town of New Glasgow values and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of its community; and salutes the sacrifices and leadership of our African Nova Scotian citizens of New Glasgow, Pictou County and across Nova Scotia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deputy Mayor Joe MacDonald, of the Town of New Glasgow do hereby proclaim the Month of February 2024 as African Heritage Month in recognition of the achievements and legacy of the African Nova Scotian community while also looking forward to future greatness. We will strive to promote awareness, knowledge and understanding among all people while furthering pride, dignity, and inspiration in those who identify with African heritage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe MacDonald', written over a horizontal line.

Deputy Mayor Joe MacDonald