



**Proclamation  
Emancipation Day  
August 1, 2024**

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

**WHEREAS**, Emancipation Day recognizes 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, 2024, 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.

Mayor Nancy Dicks