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PROCLAMATION  
**African, Caribbean, and Black Canadian Appreciation Month**  
August 2023

**WHEREAS**, August 1, Emancipation Day, marks the day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect across the British Empire; and

**WHEREAS**, as individuals fought enslavement, we continue to fight against anti-Black racism, struggle for equity and social justice including the elimination of discrimination of any kind among citizens; and


**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oakville is committed to be a place where the rights and freedoms of all its citizens are respected, protected and celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the contributions of African, Caribbean and Black Canadians to a rich history of diversity and in shaping our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage residents to come together in unity to celebrate our diversity and inclusion of all citizens to live and work together in harmony;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Rob Burton, Mayor of the Town of Oakville DO HEREBY PROCLAIM August 2023 as African, Caribbean and Black Canadian Appreciation Month and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023

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**Mayor Rob Burton**  
Town of Oakville