



AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2023

WHEREAS February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month - a time that all Nova Scotian's are encouraged to embrace, recognize, and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of people of African Descent all over the world, and here in Shelburne, we celebrate a time of better understanding.

WHEREAS we are in the 9th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent, together we acknowledge and understand that when we listen to others' perspectives, interpretation, and views on the world, particularly those from marginalized communities, we will gain a more meaningful understanding on how to make our world a better place.

WHEREAS this year's theme - "Seas of Struggle – African Peoples from Shore to Shore, recognizes the resiliency, strength, and determination of people of African descent from the shores of Africa to the shores of Nova Scotia -- with the Atlantic Ocean being the everlasting connection.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that WE, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be African Heritage Month. We celebrate the longstanding history of people of African Decent in the development of Canada.

We ENCOURAGE residents, businesses, and community groups to engage in the activities and celebrations, and to take the opportunity to educate yourself and reflect on the story of Nova Scotia's vibrant African Nova Scotian Community.

Dated at Shelburne, Nova Scotia
This 8th day of February, 2023.

Warden Penny Smith