



PROCLAMATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

WHEREAS Black History Month recognizes the contributions that People of African and Caribbean descent have made to Canada, shaping its identity; and

WHEREAS Black History Month was first recognized in Ontario in February 1993, marking the 200th anniversary of the passage of legislation prohibiting the importation of slaves into Upper Canada; and

WHEREAS the United Nations proclaimed 2015-2024 the Decade for people of African Descent, an important step in the international community recognizing that people of African Descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected; and

WHEREAS Black History Month continues to provide the Town of Aurora with the opportunity to celebrate the contributions and vital role that Canadians of African descent have made to strengthen the social and cultural mosaic of our community, province and country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, hereby proclaims the month of **February, 2021** as Black History Month and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our Municipality.

*Dated at the Town of Aurora
This 8th, day of January, 2021.*