



# Proclamation

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## Black History Month

February 2023

**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,** on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the month of **February, 2023** as **Black History Month** in the Town of Aurora

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor