



## PROCLAMATION

### February is Black History Month

**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**, this year's theme - **30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations - From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries** celebrates three decades of Black History Month in Canada and recognizes the enduring legacy of Black Canadians, whose leadership, creativity, innovation and resilience have shaped our past, continue to influence our present, and will inspire future generations.

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time to learn about the stories and many important contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Prince Edward County; and

**WHEREAS**, as Prince Edward County's population becomes increasingly more diverse, Black History Month is an opportunity to embrace diversity and foster belonging and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a month in which we learn of both great accomplishment and trauma, both of which are important for all of us to understand. That understanding and a commitment to act make us stronger and better as a community,

**THEREFORE**, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize the month of February 2026 as "Black History Month", and encourage our citizens to celebrate cultural diversity in our community that we all call home.

**DATED** at Picton this 27th day of January 2026  
Mayor Steve Ferguson