



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* *On this day, August 1st, 1834, slavery was abolished throughout British Colonies by King William IV pursuant to the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833; and*
- Whereas,* *Within fifteen years of the abolition of slavery, between 35,000 and 40,000 Black settlers made their way to Ontario in large part to the Underground Railway to Southwestern Ontario; and*
- Whereas,* *This day is an opportunity to recognize Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on the land that is now Canada; and*
- Whereas,* *It is a demonstration of our respect for human liberty and freedom and in recognition of the richness of the culture and history brought to Ontario by African Canadians; and*
- Whereas,* *To commend the individuals who fought enslavement, understanding they were pivotal in shaping our society to be as diverse as it is today; and*
- Whereas,* *Emancipation Day acts as a reminder to maintain meaningful dialogue surrounding race relations and inclusiveness; and*
- Therefore,* *I, Annette Groves, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, hereby do proclaim*

August 1, 2023

as

"Emancipation Day"

in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Annette Groves

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon