



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on August 6, 2024, the Government of Jamaica and all Jamaicans, globally, celebrated their 62nd Anniversary of Independence; and

Whereas, in recognition of the strong and important relations (ties) shared between Canada and Jamaica since the establishment of formal diplomatic relations on August 2, 1962, built on the shared principles of democracy; rule of law and respect; human rights, and cooperation as well as, the strong people-to-people ties; and

Whereas, millions of Canadian have journeyed to Jamaica over the decades for several purposes, including business; academia and tourism, thereby strengthening the people -to-people bonds between the two countries; and

Whereas, from as far back as 1796, Jamaicans have migrated to Canada, and have contributed significantly to the development of Canada, impacting all spheres of the society- political; economic and social, and adding to the country's rich multi-cultural tapestry; and

Whereas, the Town of Caledon has a growing Jamaican-Canadian community that has contributed towards the growth and development of our Town; and

Whereas, Canadians of Jamaican heritage contribute to the diversity of the Town of Caledon and Jamaican Heritage Month provides residents the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the rich Jamaican heritage and culture; and the contributions of Jamaican-Canadians;

Therefore, I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

October 2026

as

Jamaican Heritage Month

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

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon