

PROCLAMATION

'EMANCIPATION DAY'

August 1, 2024

WHEREAS: August 1, 1834 was the date that slavery was abolished throughout the British Colonies by King William IV pursuant to the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833;

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 by the Underground Railroad into Southwestern Ontario;

THEREFORE: As 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, AUGUST 1, 2024 be proclaimed 'EMANCIPATION DAY' in the Town of Amherstburg.