



PROCLAMATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, Canada has been characterized and strengthened by its diverse and distinctive cultures; and

WHEREAS, from the time of its establishment, people of African descent have made significant contributions to the development and betterment of the country. With roots dating back to 1603, Black Canadians have played a significant role in Canadian history, identity, culture, economy, literature, sports, and politics; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout Canada have formally commemorated and celebrated the experiences and achievements of Black Canadians for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Black Canadians' struggles for equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination. From the anti-slavery movement in the 1800s to active involvement in the human right struggles in the 1960s and 1970s, Black Canadian community leaders have led with courage, determination and a deep sense of justice; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month continues to provide the opportunity to remember and celebrate the contribution that African Canadians have made to Canada and to Fort Saskatchewan.

NOW THEREFORE; I, Gale Katchur, Mayor of the City of Fort Saskatchewan, do hereby proclaim February, 2023, as **Black History Month** and encourage all of our residents to recognize and celebrate Black history and culture while building inclusive communities for all residents.

Mayor Gale Katchur

February 1, 2023