



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

"75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC" April 28 - May 4, 2020

- WHEREAS:** Canada's proud naval and maritime history could not be better represented than by the Royal Canadian Navy's success in the Battle of the Atlantic; and
- WHEREAS:** The Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous battle of the Second World War raged for 2,075 days from 1939 to 1945 and was one in which Canada played a central role; and
- WHEREAS:** Canada entered the battle with 6 destroyers and 3,500 sailors and less than 40 merchant vessels. By wars' end, Canada fielded the third largest Allied navy in the world with over 400 warships, 400 merchant vessels, 95,000 sailors including 6,000 members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and 12,600 civilians in industry; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 25,000 voyages were made across the North Atlantic during the battle. The price of victory, when paid in full, cost the Royal Canadian Navy 33 warships, 2,210 lives including 50 sailors from Windsor and Essex County who enlisted and trained at HMCS HUNTER in Windsor; the Royal Canadian Air Force 350 aircraft and 752 lives and the Merchant Navy of Canada 73 vessels and 1,629 lives; and
- WHEREAS:** A formal service to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic will be held at the Naval Monument, located in Dieppe Gardens on the riverfront on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.; and
- WHEREAS:** Every resident of the City of Windsor and Essex County is invited to attend the parade and memorial service to commemorate the efforts and sacrifices made by all those who served during this grueling conflict.
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

April 28 - May 4, 2020 "75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC"

in the City of Windsor.



Mayor