



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

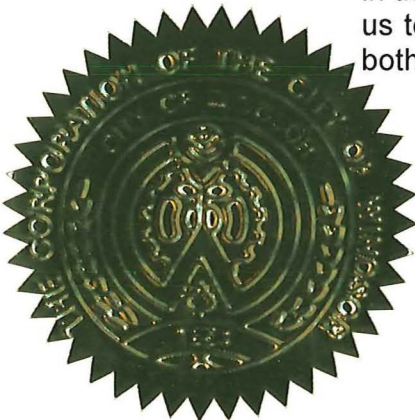
## P R O C L A M A T I O N

### **“Black History Month” FEBRUARY 1 – 29, 2020**

- WHEREAS:** The celebration of Black History Month originates from the U.S. Professor Carter G. Woodson’s 1926 declaration of Negro History Week, a week in February which marked the birthdates of civil rights activists Fredrick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and
- WHEREAS:** 2020 marks the 24th year of the national recognition of February as Black History Month in Canada; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month sought to level the imbalance in historical perspective and has become an important part of multicultural and anti-racism programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month in Canada is essential since it educates Canadians. Few Canadians know that slavery once existed in Canada, or that many of the British Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution were Black, or that our Black History is Canadian History; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month is a call to each and every citizen of our great land to reflect on the cultural, scientific, political, and economic contributions of Black people to the development of Canada and the world; and
- WHEREAS:** This year’s theme, “Good People United Against Racism,” not only highlights the challenges Black people still face today but also the solution to ending racism
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

### **FEBRUARY 1 – 29, 2020 “Black History Month”**

in the City of Windsor. In particular the month long celebration encourages us to wear a Black Ribbon to honour the significant role that Black people, both past and present have played in shaping the mosaic of Windsor.



Mayor