

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity to acknowledge and honour the historical and present contributions of Black Canadians, and recognizes their significant contributions made to Canada; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians to our collective economic, cultural, spiritual, social and political development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shelburne recognizes and values the significant contributions and advances that Black Canadians have made, and continue to make to Canadian society, and recognize the quest of Black Canadians for equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Town of Shelburne's establishment of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will identify ways to eliminate barriers and ensure systemic changes are made to promote equity and inclusion in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Wade Mills, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as Black History Month in the Town of Shelburne and encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to make Shelburne an inclusive community for all.