Item No. 2

## **Proclamation**

## African Heritage Month February 2017

WHEREAS, the Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to celebrating the cultural heritage of all citizens; and

February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month – a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of Black people all over the world; and

2017 marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> year the Black History Month Association has celebrated the achievements of African Nova Scotians in Halifax; and

2017 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada and African Nova Scotians continue to make major contributions to the development of the nation; and

This is the United Nations International Decade of Persons of Color in celebration of the History, culture and contributions of African decent in Nova Scotia, Canada and the rest of the world

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February, 2017 as "African Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017



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Mike Savage Mayor