

# PROCLAMATION

## Black History Month

February 2024

WHEREAS: Every February, we honour and reflect on the history, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians and Albertans. Despite oppression, enslavement, racism, and discrimination, Black Canadians continue to transcend great adversity, and contribute to the richness of our province and country; and

WHEREAS: In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. Black History Month was first celebrated nationally in 1996; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Morinville continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens past, present and future are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Morinville is committed to the fight against racism and discrimination of individuals of colour; and

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare the month of February 2024, as Black History Month in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

