



# Proclamation

## Black History Month

February 2023

**WHEREAS** the month of February is established as Black History Month, formally commemorating, and celebrating the experiences and achievements of African Canadians;

**WHEREAS** people of African descent have been a part of British Columbia since 1858, and have contributed to the cultural, economic, political and social development of the Province and Canada;

**WHEREAS** the City of Surrey recognizes the many contributions that African Canadians have made, and continue to make, to strengthen our society;

**WHEREAS** in celebration of Black History Month, Surrey Residents are encouraged to participate in festivals and special events that honour, and to learn and reflect on the legacy of African Canadians past and present; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Surrey is committed to raising awareness of Black history and culture while creating a welcoming and inclusive city for all Surrey residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare February 2023 as “Black History Month” in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey