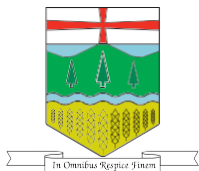


# Proclamation

## Black History Month

- WHEREAS** Black History Month is a time to honor and celebrate the profound contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black Canadians, both past and present, who have shaped the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our nation; and,
- WHEREAS** Alberta is home to a rich and enduring Black history, dating back to the 1800s when Black pioneers established thriving communities such as Amber Valley, Keystone, and others, laying the foundation for generations of leadership and perseverance; and,
- WHEREAS** Black History Month serves as a reminder of the importance of education, reflection, and action in addressing systemic inequities and fostering a society that values diversity, equity, and inclusion; and,
- WHEREAS** the City of St. Albert is committed to building a community that is vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming for all, where every individual is respected and empowered to thrive; and,
- WHEREAS** the Africans & African Descendants Friendship Club of St. Albert plays a vital role in promoting cultural understanding, education, and unity within our community, ensuring that the stories and contributions of Black Canadians are celebrated and remembered.
- NOW THEREFORE** on behalf of Council and the residents of the City of St. Albert, I, Mayor Cathy Heron, do hereby proclaim February as “*Black History Month*” in St. Albert.



*Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2025*

**Cathy Heron**  
Mayor, City of St. Albert  
The Botanical Arts City

