



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**“Emancipation Day”  
August 1, 2024**

**WHEREAS:** August 1, 1834, was the date that slavery was abolished throughout the British Colonies by King William IV pursuant to the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833; and,

**WHEREAS:** Within fifteen years of the abolition of slavery, between 35,000 and 40,000 Black settlers made their way to Ontario in large part by the Underground Railroad into Southwestern Ontario; and,

**WHEREAS:** As a demonstration of our respect for human liberty and freedom and in recognition of the richness of the culture and history brought to Ontario by African Canadians; and,

**THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

**August 1, 2024  
“Emancipation Day “  
in the City of Windsor.**

  
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Mayor