



The Corporation of the  
**Town of Amherstburg**

**'EMANCIPATION DAY' PROCLAMATION**

**August 1, 2016**

**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;

**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;

**THEREFORE:** 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, **AUGUST 1, 2016** be proclaimed **'EMANCIPATION DAY'** in the Town of Amherstburg.

DATED AT TOWN HALL, The Town of Amherstburg, the 11th day of JULY, 2016.



  
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor