

Proclamation



The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg

“Emancipation Day - August 1st, 2019”

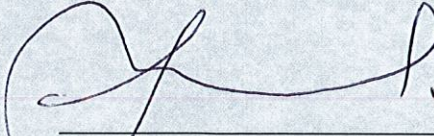
WHEREAS: August 1, 1834 was the date that slavery was abolished throughout the British Colonies by King William IV pursuant to the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833;

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, 2019** be proclaimed ‘**EMANCIPATION DAY**’ in the Town of Amherstburg.

DATED AT TOWN HALL, The Town of Amherstburg, the 15th day of July, 2019.





Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor