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Subject: Proclamation Request: 230th Anniversary of 15 Ships to Sierra Leone: Black Loyalist Exodus

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#1792PROJECT

BLACK LOYALISTS VOYAGE
15 SHIPS TO SIERRA LEONE

COMMEMORATING THE 230TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BLACK LOYALISTS EXODUS.

MARCH 11, 2022

11:00AM - 12:30PM

<http://bit.ly/1792event>



Dear Mayor Walker and White Rock City Council,

This year marks the 230th anniversary of the remarkable Black Loyalist exodus from Halifax to Freetown. This journey is the single, largest return of African descendants to the continent of Africa throughout history. **Please help us reach our goal of 230 Proclamations and/or social media announcements by mayors and councils from across Canada to acknowledge this 230th anniversary year.** We acknowledge the importance of your leadership for community and change, and respectfully request your support for this initiative.

#1792Project began in Nova Scotia. The story of the 15 Ships to Sierra Leone departing Halifax harbour on January 15, 1792, is not only a Maritime story. This voyage has had an impact on all of Canadian society. Together we can address this omission in our history books to reach a fuller understanding of the history of slavery

and race in this nation. Over 25 municipalities have issued proclamations in Nova Scotia and the town of Shelburne leads this initiative of cross Canada Proclamations.

Black Loyalists were self liberated individuals who came to Nova Scotia after the American Revolution, as did the white Loyalists who brought with them an estimated 1,232 slaves.

Broken promises of land and liberation together with remarkable courage to cross the ocean at the height of the trans-Atlantic chattel slave trade remains an untold story of resilience of the 1,196 seafarers who chose to leave. But it is also a story of failure of community and government to provide safe haven here on these shores for these Black Loyalists. Through participation and education we must all do better to connect the history of failures to how the legacy of this history continues.

We, the [#1792Project](#) team, are community members, students and educators and we have come together in the imperative of sharing, commemorating and acknowledging this story through education. How can we make a difference as a grassroots effort?

We request that your municipal government as one of 230 municipalities across Canada proclaim and recognize the historic departure of 15 ships prepared in the dead of winter (the Lucretia, the Somerset, the Beaver, the Parr, the Venus, the Mary, the Catherine, the Prince William, the Sierra Leone, the Morning Star, the Eleanor, the Felicity, Prince Fleury, the Brothers, and the Betsey) for a journey of hope. Please find a sample proclamation below.

Sincerely,

Karen Hudson, kathrin winkler, Carol Millett #1792Project

DRAFT PROCLAMATION

Whereas we proclaim the 230th anniversary year of the Black Loyalist Exodus on 15 ships to Sierra Leone recognizing that people of African descent have been a part of Canadian society since the early 1600s and that their enslavement occurred on this land for centuries. The Black Loyalists departure is linked to the failure of institutional, political and societal will to fulfill the promises that were made to the communities that left for Sierra Leone departing the harbour of Halifax in 1792.

Whereas the conditions and causes that led to the exodus of 1,196 self liberated

Black Loyalist were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade, one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity.

Whereas #1792Project is committed to promote histories such as the 15 Ships to Sierra Leone that often have been left in a vacuum of erasure throughout Canada. The resources provided for well known monumentation have historically been funded at the expense of those erasures.

Whereas the ----- joins with municipalities across Canada to honour and recognize the significance and impact of the 230th Anniversary and shares this proclamation with the people of Nova Scotia on Emancipation Day , 2022.

Whereas the conditions and causes that led to the Exodus of 1,196 self liberated Black Loyalist were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade, one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity. Recognition of the anniversary strengthens and acknowledges the important role that municipalities continue to play in addressing institutional racism.

Whereas the city _____ continues to recognize the ongoing significance of the UN Decade of African Descent and the importance of recognizing the history of Black Loyalists in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. We recognize that rural or urban, from sea to sea we share a responsibility for reparation.

Thereby be it resolved that I, Mayor _____ declare 2022 as the 230th anniversary - Year of Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792Project

MORE INFORMATION #1792 Project Team (We are happy to present the project to council)

- [CityNews Everywhere Article: Local school marks African Heritage Month with the #1792Project](#)
- [Cole Harbour Wire Article: The class of...1792](#)
- [Global News Article - Nova Scotia students commemorate Black Loyalists who sailed to Sierra Leone in 1792](#)
- [CBC Article: N.S. pays tribute to Black Loyalists who sailed to Sierra Leone in 1792](#)
- [YouTube: #1792 Project - Freetown Sierra Leone](#)
- [Happy birthday Song To King Adebayoh - Sierra Leone Music 2020](#)

Elementary/Junior High Resources:

- [Elementary and Junior H.S. Students - #1792 Project Resources and Lesson Starters](#)
- ["Message in a Bottle- 15 Ships to Sierra Leone."](#)

- [Black Loyalist site: Nova Scotia](#)
- [Black Loyalist site: New Brunswick](#)
- [Thomas Clarkson's journal](#)
- [The journals of Black Loyalists Boston King and David George](#)
- [tREv clothing design](#)

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I acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

As descendants of Africans stolen from their homeland of Africa, Black Nova Scotians are owed reparations for centuries of inter-generational trauma from anti-Black racism rooted in chattel slavery, and for the systemic denial of opportunities to create wealth. Both continue to the present day.

White people benefit from these wrongs and as such have a responsibility to do their part to right these wrongs. We all will be stronger. Be brave.

We can't afford to do anyone harm

Because we owe them our lives

Each breath is recycled from someone else's lungs

Our enemies are the very air in disguise

Ani Difranco, Looking for the Holes