

## Proclamation

## Beechville Day August 9, 2014

WHEREAS, the community of Beechville was first settled in 1814 and is one of several historical Refugee Communities in HRM, and one of 45 historic African Nova Scotian communities in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The original settlers of the community of Beechville were men and women, of African descent, who had escaped slavery and fought for their freedom during the War of 1812.

Many descendants of the original settlers continue to carry on the legacy of their ancestors through hard work and community building.

The history of African Nova Scotian communities is an intricate part of Nova Scotian and Canadian history.

We gather with those descendants, and friends, to celebrate the two hundred year anniversary of the community of Beechville.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, August 9, 2014 as "Beechville Day" and I would like to encourage all residents of the HRM to recognize this historic celebration of the Beechville Community from August 6-10.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 9th day of August, 2014



Original Signed

Mike Savage Mayor