

PROCLAMATION

International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024

WHEREAS The United Nations has declared 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent. Its theme is “recognition, justice and development”; **AND**

WHEREAS According to the federal government, this Decade “is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the important contributions people of African descent have made to Canadian society. It also provides a framework for recognition, justice, and development to fight racism, discrimination, and the ongoing inequalities that Canadians of African descent face.”; **AND**

WHEREAS The UN states that “studies and findings by international and national bodies demonstrate that people of African descent still have limited access to quality education, health services, housing and social security.”; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kevin Murdoch, of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim 2015-2024 as International Decade for People of African Descent. As the first district in BC to recognize the UN decade, Oak Bay is committed to fighting racism and discrimination and sends a strong signal that the District of Oak Bay is welcoming and inclusive.



Kevin Murdoch, Mayor
District of Oak Bay