



Motion

Re: Emancipation Day

“That Chatham-Kent Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members bill put forward by Majid Jowhari; M-36, *Emancipation Day*, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

That the House recognizes that:

- a) **The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834**
- b) **Slavery existed in the British North America prior to its abolition in 1834**
- c) **Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1, as Emancipation Day**
- d) **The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African Descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-black racism; and**
- e) **The heritage of Canada’s people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1 of every year as “Emancipation Day” in Canada**

That support for this motion is sent to our Member of Parliament and all House of Commons representatives. And that support for this motion be sent to all Municipalities.”

Signed: Councillor Marjorie Crew

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