

Proclamation

African Heritage Month

WHEREAS African Heritage Month has been celebrated in Nova Scotia for 24 years,

largely due to the hard work and dedication of the Black History Month

Association;

WHEREAS This year marks the formation of the African Heritage Month Information

Network, which includes community organizations from across the province , thus providing an opportunity to form partnerships to ensure a provincewide calendar

of events and activities are highlighted and held; and

WHEREAS The theme of African Heritage Month 2008 is Imani, which means Faith,

and the historical figure being highlighted is Marcus Garvey, who promoted the

ideals of pride, freedom, self-reliance and education;

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Rodney J. MacDonald, Premier of Nova Scotia, do hereby proclaim the month of February as **African Heritage Month** in the Province of Nova Scotia. I encourage all Nova Scotians to recognize and celebrate now and throughout the year the many achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians to our province and look toward a future of strong participation by African Nova Scotians in all facets of the economic, social, legal and political life of the Province.

Barry Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs

Rodney J. MacDonald Premier of Nova Scotia

Signed at Halifax, Nova Scotia