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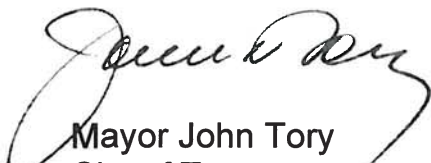
## Message from the Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to join with Analogy Global Communications in recognizing the contributions of Black Canadian Veterans.

The black community in Canada is an integral and significant part of our country's history. Their contributions began as far back as the American War of Independence where they defended Canada with courage and distinction. However, their military service did not end there, with some black soldiers seeing action in the War of 1812, serving with the No. 2 Construction "Black" Battalion during the First World War and enlisting in the Second World War. Black soldiers also played an important role in the Upper Canadian Rebellion (1837–1839). In all, approximately 1,000 Black militia men fought and helped put down the uprising, taking part in one of the most important battles, the Battle of York, which took place in present-day Toronto. They have been involved in peacekeeping operations around the world and most recently our efforts in Afghanistan.

Today more than ever, we recognize the tremendous contributions of those brave men and women in uniform who fought to defend our freedom and peace. These Canadians deserve our admiration and gratitude for the role they played in helping to shape the value, principles and mosaic of Canada.

Yours truly,



Mayor John Tory  
City of Toronto