



Statement

Susan Kadis, M.P., Thornhill

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Susan Kadis MP Recognizes Black History Month and the 175th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire

Susan Kadis, MP celebrates Black History Month in Canada and the 175th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery in the British Empire. “Black History Month is an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and appreciate the contributions of the Afro-Canadian community to our great country,” Mrs. Kadis said. “This year we can also celebrate the men and women who fought and succeeded against incredible odds to end slavery in the British Empire.” Mrs. Kadis said.

“I wish to take this opportunity to thank local groups such as the Thornhill African and Caribbean Canadian Association, the Vaughan African Canadian Association and the Markham African Caribbean Association who have made invaluable contributions to our community and our country,” stated Mrs. Kadis.

Black History Month was first recognized by Parliament in 1995 on a motion that was introduced by the Honourable Jean Augustine, former Member of Parliament for Etobicoke-Lakeshore, the first Afro-Canadian woman elected to Parliament. Black History Month is celebrated every February.