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**Susan Kadis, M.P., Thornhill**

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## **MP Susan Kadis Celebrates Black History Month**

**THORNHILL** -- Susan Kadis, Thornhill MP marks the beginning of Black History Month by recognizing and paying tribute to community groups, such as the Thornhill African and Caribbean Canadian Association, the Vaughan African Canadian Association and the Markham African Caribbean Association for their leadership, vital role and contribution to building our community and country. Mrs. Kadis encourages all Thornhill residents to participate in the celebrations and activities taking place in Vaughan, Markham and York Region.

“This is an opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of the Black community, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the multicultural, compassionate and thriving nation we know today” said Mrs. Kadis.

Black History Month was first officially proclaimed in Ontario in 1993, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the passage of legislation, introduced and led by Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, prohibiting slavery and the slave trade in Upper Canada - the first British territory to do so. In 1995, the Parliament of Canada officially marked February as Black History Month.

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