**African Ancestral Acknowledgment**

I would like to acknowledge that not all people came to these lands as migrants and settlers. Specifically, I wish to acknowledge those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. I pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.

(Though I am not a person of African descent), I am committed to continually acting in support of and in solidarity with Black communities seeking freedom and reparative justice in light of the history and ongoing legacy of slavery that continues to impact Black communities in Canada. Again I invite you to join me in that work and hold me accountable to this commitment.