



OLIVIA CHOW  
MAYOR

# *Proclamation*

## **Black Music Month**

**June 2026**

WHEREAS during the month of June, we celebrate Black music in its many forms and honour the diverse cultures and lived experiences of the musicians who have shaped it across generations.

Black music is a rich artform that has evolved over hundreds of years. The breadth of Black music from folk to religious spirituals and gospel, to blues, jazz, soul, Afro-Caribbean music, R&B and hip-hop – each genre with its own unique history – is present in our everyday culture.

Toronto's Black music trailblazers have helped build the city's cultural identity and have contributed to the wider recognition of Toronto-based Black artists, including established and emerging musicians whose work continues to shape the city's sound.

The City of Toronto is proud to support arts and culture through expanding access to cultural participation for residents across the city. In recognizing Black Music Month, the City reaffirms its commitment to confronting anti-Black racism and to supporting opportunities for Black musicians, creators and the music sector they help sustain.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2026**, as "**Black Music Month**" in the City of Toronto.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olivia Chow".

Olivia Chow  
Mayor of Toronto

