

CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Council Date: January 21, 2015

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Lincoln M. Alexander Day

WHEREAS, in 1942, Lincoln M. Alexander joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in World War II;

AND WHEREAS, in 1953 Lincoln Alexander graduated from Osgood Law and practiced at law firm in Hamilton until 1968 when he won a seat representing Hamilton West for the Progressive Conservative party in Ottawa and became the first Black Canadian to be elected to the House of Commons;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander won four elections representing Hamilton West and, in 1979, became the Federal Minister of Labour during the Clark government, later resigning his position in 1980 and becoming Chairman of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board;

AND WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. Alexander was named as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario becoming the first Black Canadian to hold that title, a position he held until 1991;

AND WHEREAS, Lincoln Alexander was a Companion of the Order of Canada, Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and member of the Order of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Lincoln Alexander left a legacy as a passionate advocate for multiculturalism who broke racial barriers and built bridges between diverse communities in Hamilton and was a champion for Youth, Veterans and Seniors issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That January 21st be recognized as Lincoln M. Alexander Day in order to commemorate this notable Hamiltonian.