



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

Proclamation

Reggae Month

August 2026

WHEREAS reggae music originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, emerging from the island's rich musical traditions and evolving from forms such as ska and rocksteady.

Rooted in the experiences and culture of Jamaica, reggae carries messages of justice, unity, love, resistance and hope that resonate across generations while captivating listeners from all backgrounds and uplifting people around the world.

The City of Toronto is one of the world's great cities for music and is home to vibrant Jamaican, Caribbean and Black communities whose artists continue to shape reggae's presence in our city.

Toronto recognizes the impacts and influence of reggae music on arts and culture here in the city and around the world.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Olivia Chow".

Olivia Chow
Mayor of Toronto