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Topic of submission

Proclamation of June 12 Democracy Day (Nigeria)

Purpose for submission (what is the ask of council):

The ask is that Council adopt and celebrate June 12 as Democracy Day (Nigeria) in recognition of Saint John's quickly-growing Nigerian community, for a renewed sense of Canada's belonging to the world's democratic nations.

Executive summary

Following years under military dictatorship, in 1999 Nigeria introduced its first democratic constitution and later adopted June 12 as that country's Democracy Day. June 12, 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of Nigeria's democratic constitution.

In light of Saint John's quickly-growing Nigerian community, and all their contributions to our city's political and economic livelihood, it is to our shared benefit to emphasize something Canada and Nigeria share as precious as commitment to democracy in the world.

Please note Toronto's Nigerian community supported that city's Council in 2019 to make a similar proclamation: <https://www.gistmania.com/talk/topic.391579.0.html>

Please also find more about Nigeria's Democracy Day here:
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy_Day_\(Nigeria\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy_Day_(Nigeria))

If the Council finds this to its interest, note also I am more than happy to volunteer time researching or drafting any written materials in support of such a proclamation.