

# Proclamation



## Africa Day

MAY 29, 2015

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 1963, thirty-one African leaders convened a summit to create the Organization of African Unity (now African Union), and there after each May 25<sup>th</sup> there has been a celebration entitled "Africa Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, this marks the 52nd anniversary celebration of the formation of the organization of the African Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is home to 16,000 African residents and their families who represent diverse cultural, religious, and political backgrounds, speaking hundreds of different languages and dialects, and have enriched the diverse fabric of our world-class city; and

**WHEREAS**, Africa Day is an opportunity to increase awareness within the broader community and among government organizations by highlighting issues of concern and contributions of the District's diverse African community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2015 in Washington, DC, as "AFRICA DAY".

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.

