

Proclamation
National Drowning Prevention Week
July 19-27, 2008

WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society of Nova Scotia is to reduce drowning and promote the safe enjoyment of the aquatic environment in Nova Scotia, and just one drowning in this province is one drowning too many and that almost all drownings are completely preventable; and

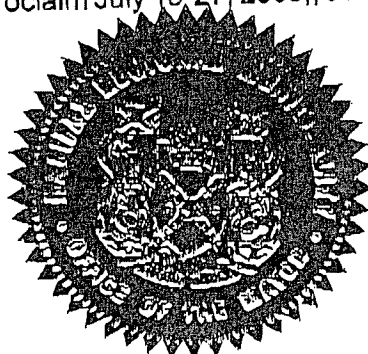
WHEREAS a Nova Scotian drowns on almost every long weekend during the Spring and Summer season and each and everyone of these deaths devastates families and adversely effects many people within our communities; and

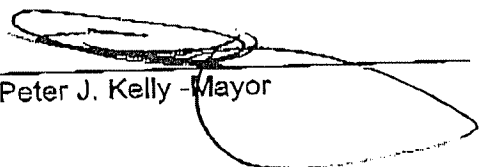
WHEREAS a greater awareness of the importance of being Water Smart is required especially in a province that is almost surrounded by the sea and in a Municipality that contains thousands of lakes. Only through education and a great respect for the potential danger that these bodies of water present may we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society of Canada has declared the last Saturday in July of every year as "National Drowning Prevention Day, " a day to reflect on the senseless loss of life through carelessness in and around the water and to remind all Canadians of the importance of take all steps to reduce the number of aquatic deaths and injuries throughout the country. The Lifesaving Society urges Nova Scotians and residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality to supervise children that are in and around the water, refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in water based activities and to wear a personal flotation device at all times when boating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim July 19-27, 2008,, as "National Drowning Prevention Week".

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 8th day of July, 2008.




Peter J. Kelly - Mayor