

## Proclamation MS Awareness Month May 2009

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 55,000 to 75,000 Canadians; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and there is no known cause of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada founded in 1948, is the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has provided more than \$127 million for MS research for over 60 years, as well as a wide range of programs and services for people with MS and social action.

WHEREAS, the MS Carnation Campaign will take place this month in our community to fund MS research and services.

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment of the supporters and volunteers here today could only make this possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

Peter Kelly Mayor