

Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA May 17, 2009

WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act recognize the rights of all to be free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality is a society open to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS in HRM, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people, and others face discrimination, violence, and intolerance because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS there is a widespread general agreement that homophobia and transphobia should not be tolerated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim May 17, 2009 as the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 12th day of May, 2009.

Peter Kelly Mayor