

## PROCLAMATION

## INTERNATIONAL EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 25-31, 2009

WHEREAS International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week is a global effort dedicated to the promotion of "EB" awareness in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS EB is a group of debilitating genetic diseases characterized by the presence of extremely fragile skin that results in the development of recurrent, painful blisters and open sores; and

WHEREAS approximately 3,000 people in Canada are impacted by this disease, which takes its toll on hundreds of thousands of patients, families and caregivers internationally at a rate of about 1 in 12,000, affecting both genders and occurring in every racial and ethnic group throughout the world; and

WHEREAS presently, there is no known cure for EB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 2009 as International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

Peter Kelly Mayor