

Proclamation

Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day

WHEREAS diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 250 million people worldwide including 3 million Canadians of which 67,000 of those affected are living in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease and there is a great need to raise funds for research into better methods of treatment, and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Diabetes Association encourages the fight against the global diabetes epidemic by encouraging access to diabetes care, treatment, and education; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Diabetes Association invites governmental and nongovernmental organizations to observe Diabetes Awareness Month and recognize World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2009 as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14, 2009 as World Diabetes Day. I call upon all citizens to combat this disease and its life-threatening complications by familiarizing themselves with the diabetes warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices and by accessing the best quality of care that HRM provides to its citizens with diabetes.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 10th day of November, 2009

Peter Kelly Mayor