

**Proclamation  
ALS AWARENESS MONTH  
June 2010**

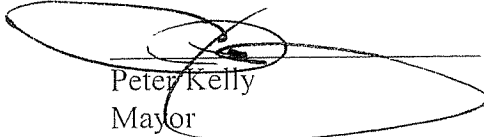
WHEREAS June has been declared "ALS Awareness Month" by Health Canada. Throughout the month, public awareness and fund-raising campaigns will take place; and

WHEREAS The ALS Society of Canada's signature campaign is the WALK for ALS, which is set to kick-off June 19, 2010 in Halifax. WALK for ALS raises money to support those living with this progressive disease by funding research and supporting provincial societies with their provision of quality care.

WHEREAS ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive and fatal neuromuscular disorder that causes the degeneration of a select group of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. People living with ALS experience gradual loss of muscle control, mobility and motor skills, as well as lose the ability to eat or breathe. Eighty per cent of people die within two to five years after diagnosis, while ten per cent may live up to ten years or more. ALS is not considered a rare disease as two to three people die from it each day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim June 2010 as "ALS Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

  
Peter Kelly  
Mayor

