



***Proclamation***  
**International Right to Know Week**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is committed to being open and accountable to its citizens and providing the public with greater access to government information;

Access to information fosters greater accountability and transparency and is necessary if citizens are to participate in the democratic process. Part XX of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) gives citizens a right to access information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality;

HRM has committed through its Routine Access Policy and the Business Unit specific Routine Disclosure Plans to providing individuals with an opportunity to obtain certain types of records without filing a formal request under Part XX of the MGA;

HRM recently adopted an Administrative Order Respecting Open Data which further increases transparency and access to data;

HRM supports and celebrates 'Right to Know Week' as a way to raise awareness of individual's rights to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to both democracy and good governance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 as "International Right to Know Week" in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015



Original Signed

Mike Savage  
Mayor