



Proclamation

**World Down Syndrome Day
March 21st, 2016**

Whereas; People with Down syndrome make significant contributions to the fabric of life in the HRM. They participate in the workplace, run their own businesses, take part in religious activities, create art, music, and dance, excel in sports and recreation, and pursue studies in schools, community colleges and universities throughout the municipality.

Down syndrome is not a disability nor is it an illness. It is a distinct culture within all cultures with its own beliefs, customs, language and common bonds. People gifted with an extra 21st chromosome, transcend borders, socio-economics, colour and ethnicity, bringing with them a richness that enhances the lives of those they touch.

World Down Syndrome Day is recognized throughout Canada as a day to raise awareness of and celebrate the many accomplishments, contributions and talents people with Down syndrome bring to their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim March 21st, 2016 as "World Down Syndrome Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 21st day of March, 2016



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor