

**RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 2 - 8, 2005**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Awareness and education are essential to promote responsible decision making and to mitigate the risks of problem gambling in our communities; and

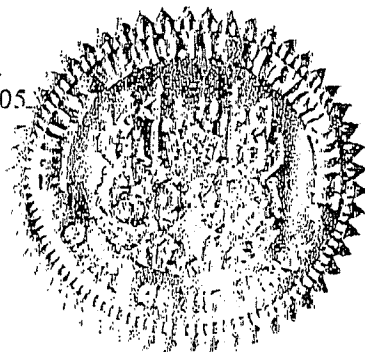
WHEREAS Responsible Gambling Awareness Week is an event that is designed to encourage responsible gambling by ensuring that people have information and facts, tools and programs that will help them make good choices; and

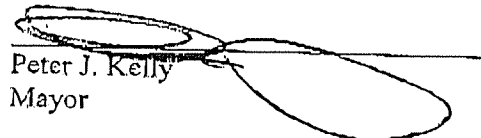
WHEREAS This Week will see a number of initiatives take place including a high school drama aimed at raising awareness about the risks associated with youth gambling; an interactive awareness program targeting post-secondary students; speaking engagements and presentations; a VLT information program and interactive mall displays that will distribute information about responsible gambling; and

WHEREAS Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation is also sponsoring Creating a Better Balance: Nova Scotia's Responsible Gambling Conference on Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 4, 2005. This two-day conference in Halifax is an opportunity for members of the gaming industry, teachers, parents, students and addictions counsellors, healthcare professionals, community leaders and law enforcement officers increase education and awareness about problem gambling. The conference will feature leading authorities presenting on the latest research and opinions on gambling issues. This conference and other responsible gambling awareness activities will benefit citizens across Halifax Regional Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-8, 2005 as Responsible Gambling Awareness Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 27th day of September, 2005




Peter J. Kelly
Mayor