



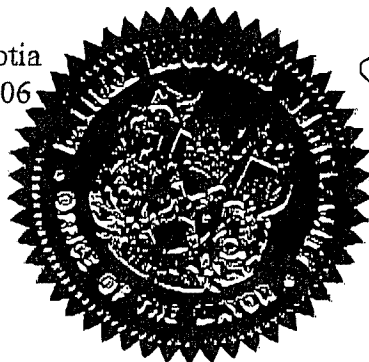
**WHITE CANE WEEK
FEBRUARY 5-12, 2006**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS this is the 60th year in Canada that the first week of February has been recognized as a public awareness program; and
- WHEREAS White Cane Week aims to create among Canadians a greater respect for the white cane as a symbol of independence, not dependence; and
- WHEREAS extending accessibility is essential to enabling those who lack sight, but not vision, achieve a reasonable quality of life; and
- WHEREAS this campaign reflects the changing circumstances of the blind and visually impaired and their families; and
- WHEREAS White Cane Week is a program of the Canadian Council of the Blind, "the voice of the blind"; and
- WHEREAS this campaign asks that barriers be removed and tools that increase accessibility be more widely utilized to enable blind and visually impaired Canadians lead full and meaningful lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim **February 5-12, 2006**, as White Cane Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 24th day of January, 2006



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor