



PRIDE WEEK
July 13-20, 2003

PROCLAMATION

Whereas Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered communities, and individuals of diverse gender-identity, have experienced a history of discrimination, and

Whereas throughout North America these communities mark this year the 35th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the event now acknowledged as the beginning of the contemporary Pride movement in North America, and

Whereas these commemorations in North America have evolved into community celebrations at various times of the year, and

Whereas the Halifax Pride Committee has chosen in 2003 the week of July 13 to 20 to celebrate this commemoration, and

Whereas the Halifax Pride Committee has chosen the theme *Show Your Colours* – a theme that commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Rainbow Flag – now a universally recognized symbol of pride, liberty, diversity, unity and freedom for the LGBT community and an opportunity to pay special acknowledgment to activist local members of the community who 25 years ago who set the stage for achieving the many of the rights and freedoms the LGBT community is now beginning to enjoy, and

Whereas the Halifax Pride Committee has organized events to celebrate the contribution of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered communities to life in the Halifax area, the province of Nova Scotia and beyond; and

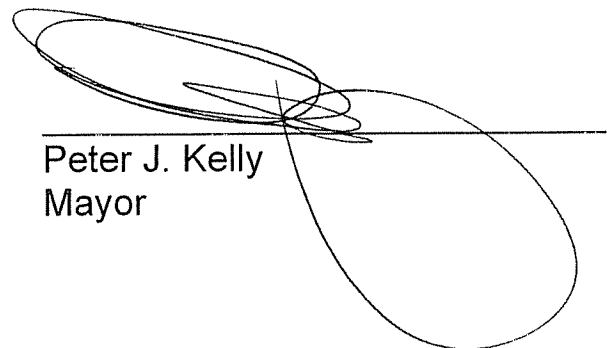
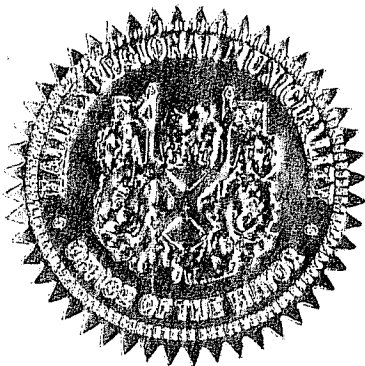
Whereas Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and the Transgendered continue their fight to end prejudice and discrimination; and

Whereas every person in our city is entitled to be treated with dignity and worth and without discrimination, prejudice or harassment; and

Whereas the struggle for these positive changes in society is a struggle to make visible these communities to all citizens,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Peter J Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim July 13-20, 2003, as **PRIDE WEEK**, a celebration of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 15th day of July, 2003.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor