

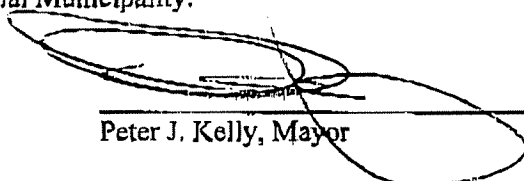


**CANADIAN HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK
WORLD AIDS DAY
NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 1, 2003
P R O C L A M A T I O N**

- WHEREAS** the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 40 million people are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) worldwide; and
- WHEREAS** UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2003 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "Stigma and Discrimination," the goals of which are:
- to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and challenge discrimination towards those affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS,
 - to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
 - to promote and support HIV prevention efforts.
- WHEREAS** Health Canada estimates that almost 50,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and 15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected; and
- WHEREAS** The number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase, with approximately 4,200 new infections each year; and
- WHEREAS** in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against HIV/AIDS; and
- WHEREAS** Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality do hereby proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2003, Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2003 World AIDS Day for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax Nova Scotia
this 18th day of November, 2003.


Peter J. Kelly, Mayor