

**EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 2004**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Epilepsy is a seizure disorder involving abnormal electrical discharges from the brain, and in 50% of the cases the cause is unknown and treatment and prevention are not easily determined; and

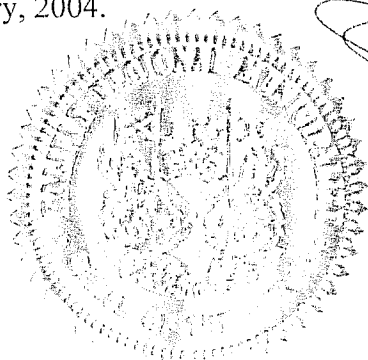
WHEREAS Approximately 9500 Nova Scotians have epilepsy and 50 percent of all incidences of epilepsy begin in childhood; and

WHEREAS Modern drug therapy allows half of all people who live with epilepsy to lead seizure free lives but lack of knowledge and understanding of the disorder may result in discrimination and prejudice against those who have epilepsy; and

WHEREAS The Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia is a provincial health organization providing support for people with epilepsy, promoting awareness, advocacy and understanding, and encouraging research into the causes, treatment and prevention of epilepsy.

THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2004 as ***EPILEPSY MONTH*** in the Halifax Regional Municipality, to help increase public awareness of the effects of this common neurological condition upon those who live with epilepsy.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 24th day of February, 2004.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor