



WEEK OF THE FRANCOPHONIE - March 7-13, 2004
2004 YEAR OF THE ACADIANS
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS In the year 1604 Samuel de Champlain led a band of brave and hardy settlers from France and established the first permanent settlement in what then became Acadie and later Canada; and

WHEREAS Their bold explorations and brave tenacity opened up this land to many generations who grew and prospered; and

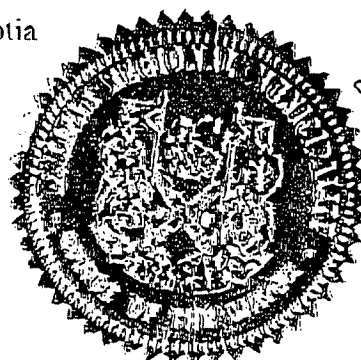
WHEREAS The culture and heritage of Nova Scotia and Canada have been greatly enriched through the contributions of the Acadians; and

WHEREAS Acadians from around the world will return to this their homeland during Congress Mondial during the summer of 2004; and

WHEREAS It is fitting and just to recognize and celebrate the contribution of the Acadians on this the 400th anniversary of the first settlement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the week of March 7 to 13, 2004, as **WEEK OF THE FRANCOPHONIE**, and **2004 AS YEAR OF THE ACADIANS** in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 8th day of March, 2004



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor