

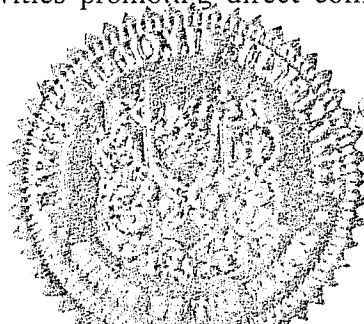
**EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2004**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS despite environmental improvements since the first Earth Day in 1970, the environmental health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global climate change, ozone depletion, growing world population, tropical deforestation, ocean pollution, toxic wastes, desertification, and the loss of biodiversity. All sectors of society have the responsibility to act positive for the environment; and
- WHEREAS Earth Day 2004 is a national and international call to provide action for all citizens to join a global effort to protect the environment; and
- WHEREAS Earth Day 2004 activities and projects will empower citizens to act positively for the environment and adopt responsible lifestyle habits that conserve and protect local and global ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS Earth Day 2004 activities and projects will raise awareness of conserving natural resources by reducing, reusing and recycling, using efficient transportation, and buying and using products and services that are environmentally responsible; and
- WHEREAS Earth Day 2004 activities and projects will raise awareness of the importance of voting for candidates who demonstrate concern for the environment and of supporting legislation designed to protect Canada's environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, designate and proclaim *April 22, 2004 as Earth Day*, and that this day shall be set aside for positive public activities promoting direct community action to preserve the global environment.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 20th day of April, 2004.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor