



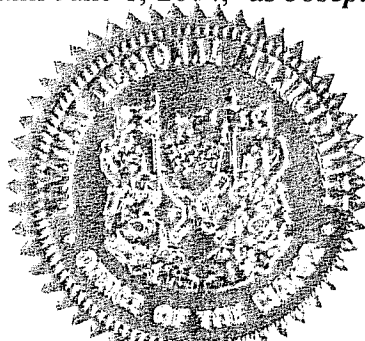
**Joseph Howe Memorial Day
June 1, 2004**

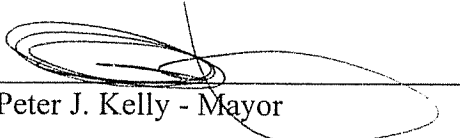
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS Joseph Howe, who died in Halifax on this day, June 1st, in 1873, was and is one of Halifax's most distinguished sons;
- WHEREAS in his newspaper *The Novascotian* he dared to publish open criticism of the magistrates, appointed by the Crown, who used to administer our City;
- WHEREAS in 1835 he courageously and successfully defended himself against a charge of seditious libel brought by the magistrates, resulting in the resignation of the magistrate body and six years later the incorporation of Halifax;
- WHEREAS he was one of the major forces behind the creation of Halifax's Public Gardens and the founding of the Halifax Horticultural Society;
- WHEREAS all his life he was a tireless promoter of Halifax's trade and commerce, its arts and sciences, and its educational opportunities and institutions; and
- WHEREAS we are celebrating in 2004 the 200th birthday of the man often described as 'the greatest Nova Scotian:'

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2004, as *Joseph Howe Memorial Day* in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of June, 2004.




Peter J. Kelly - Mayor