

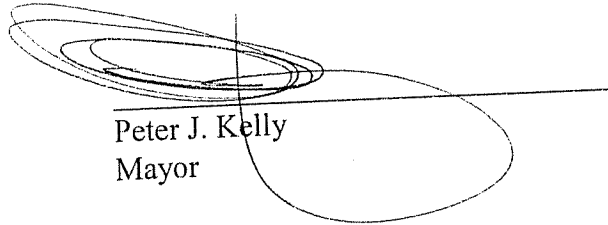
**RECREATION MONTH
JUNE 2004**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS in Halifax Regional Municipality, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and
- WHEREAS recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier, healthier and longer; develops skills and positive self image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS recreation participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated antisocial behaviour; and
- WHEREAS the benefits provided by recreation programs and service reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and
- WHEREAS our parks, open space and trails ensure ecological beauty; provide space to enjoy nature; help maintain clean air and water; and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and
- WHEREAS all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Municipality participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Halifax Regional Municipality and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as, "*Recreation Month*" which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 25th day of May, 2004.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor

