



Proclamation

International Development Week February 4-10, 2007

WHEREAS Canadian women and men make an immense contribution to improving quality of life in communities around the world through their efforts as volunteers and supporters of international cooperation; and

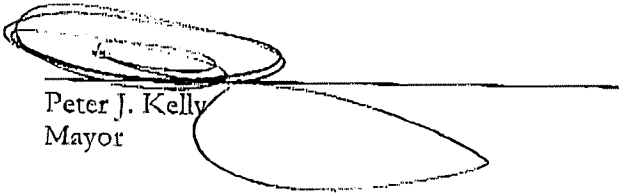
WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to international cooperation through its participation in a municipal partnership/international development program(s) of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with support from the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency celebrate Canada's contribution to international development during the first week of February each year, and this year is focusing on equality between women and men as a fundamental condition for human development; and

WHEREAS the United Nations acknowledges the importance of gender equality not only as a goal in itself, but as an essential path toward achieving all the Millennium Development Goals by the target date of 2015;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 4-10, 2007 as "*International Development Week*" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and urge all citizens to consider the contributions they can make to promoting the human rights, equality, and participation of women in communities around the world.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this
6th day of February 2007.


Peter J. Kelly
Mayor