

Proclamation
World Diabetes Day
November 14, 2007

WHEREAS over 246 million children and adults - including 50,000 people living in Nova Scotia - have diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; and diabetes and its complications cost the economy of the Province of Nova Scotia an estimated \$300,000,000 annually in health care, absenteeism and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS more than 2 million Canadians have some form of diabetes; and Canada has the third highest occurrence rate of Type 1 diabetes in children 14 years or younger in the world with an occurrence rate that is rising by 3-5% per year; the greatest rise occurs in 5-9 year olds; and

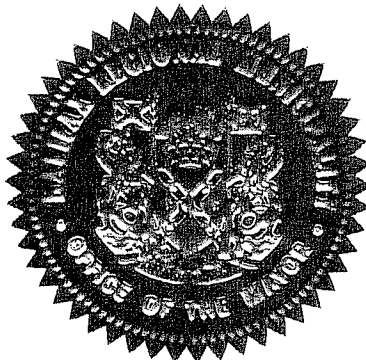
WHEREAS an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before developing the disease and its devastating complications; and

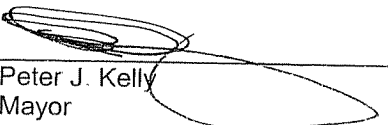
WHEREAS The United Nations General Assembly has designated the current World Diabetes Day, November 14th, as a United Nations Day, to be observed every year beginning in 2007; and The United Nations invites governmental and non-governmental organizations to observe World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications; and

WHEREAS The United Nations encourages supporters of the UN Resolution on Diabetes to fight the worldwide epidemic by helping to ensure that individuals with diabetes have access to care, treatment, and education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim November 14th as World Diabetes Day in support of the UN Resolution. I encourage all HRM residents to help fight this disease and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment to those suffering from diabetes.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 13th day of November, 2007.




Peter J. Kelly
Mayor