

Proclamation

**WHITE CANE WEEK
February 3–9, 2008**

WHEREAS, the week of February 3 – 9, 2008 is recognized as White Cane Week; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Week aims to remind all Canadians that the traditional cane is a symbol of independence – not dependence and that a lack of sight is not a lack of vision; and

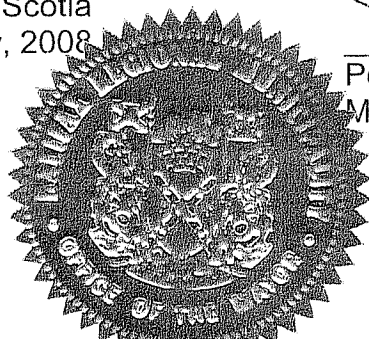
WHEREAS, this is the 61st year that this public awareness program has taken place in Canada and reflects the changing situations of people who are blind and vision impaired; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Week is a program of the Canadian Council of the Blind which has acted as “the voice of the blind” for 63 years, and partner VoicePrint, a multi- media service established to bring full-text audio recordings of articles to all Canadians particularly those who can’t access printed information due to, for example, blindness or other vision restrictions, learning or physical disability, low literacy skills or just getting older; and

WHEREAS, this campaign asks that service providers remove barriers that limit the fullness of life for our fellow blind and vision impaired citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim the week of February 3rd – 9th, 2008 as ***White Cane Week***.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 29th day of January, 2008



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor