

Proclamation
Sakyong Wangmo Day
August 16, 2008

WHEREAS Shambhala honors the radiance and brilliance of the world manifest in the innate wakefulness of all human beings. Shambhala vision finds its natural expression in personal openness, compassion and confidence. Cultivating these qualities is the pathway to a fully human society; and

WHEREAS This vision was made manifest in Halifax, Nova Scotia, by the great Tibetan Buddhist meditation master Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, who wrote:

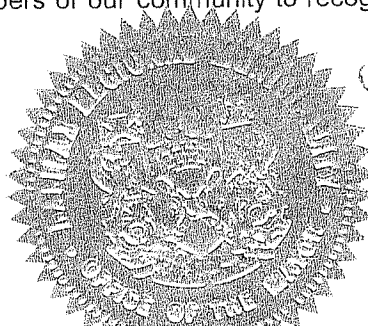
"The Shambhala teachings are founded on the premise that there is basic human wisdom that can help to solve the world's problems. This wisdom does not belong to any one culture or religion, nor does it come only from the West or the East. Rather, it is a tradition that has existed in many cultures at many times throughout history." and;

WHEREAS Halifax has played a unique role in the bringing of this vision to the west. Twenty years ago Trungpa Rinpoche and his family made their residence in Halifax, establishing it as an international centre for Buddhism. It was here that his eldest son was empowered as the Sakyong, Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche, head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage and spiritual director of Shambhala. It was in Halifax that thousands gathered to celebrate the auspicious marriage of the Sakyong and Princess Khandro Tseyang. The Halifax Shambhala community has become an integral part of our city and is widely appreciated for its contributions to our spiritual, educational, and social life; and

WHEREAS With the Empowerment of Khandro Tseyang as Sakyong Wangmo, Spiritual Queen of Shambhala, Halifax today celebrates the recognition of the vital importance of Female Leadership and the Mother Lineage within the Shambhala community and all good human societies.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do on this joyous occasion of the Empowerment in Halifax of Khandro Tseyang as Sakyong Wangmo, Spiritual Queen of Shambhala, hereby designate August 16, 2008 as, "**Sakyong Wangmo Day,**" in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and urge all members of our community to recognize this special occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 16th day of August, 2008.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor