

Proclamation

Pain Awareness November 3-9, 2008

WHEREAS Pain is one of our country's most serious health problems it is our silent epidemic and more than 6 million Canadians live with chronic pain caused by various diseases or disorders, and each year nearly 3 million people suffer with acute pain; and

WHEREAS Although medical knowledge and technology is available to relieve or greatly ease pain most pain goes untreated, undertreated, or improperly treated and the majority of healthcare professionals are still unaware of how to effectively treat pain and most people with pain get little relief or no relief; and

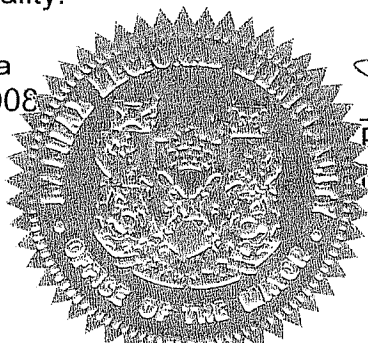
WHEREAS People who suffer from chronic pain are too often stigmatized and marginalized; and chronic pain inflicts a silent burden on individuals and on society in health care costs, lack of productivity and personal suffering; and

WHEREAS More research is needed to improve knowledge of pain mechanisms and evaluation of different approaches to treatment; and

WHEREAS The Chronic Pain Association of Canada, a patient led organization is dedicated to improving knowledge of pain, enhancing pain education for health care providers and improving the availability of care for those suffering chronic pain disorders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, November 3-9, 2008 as Pain Awareness week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 4th day of November, 2008



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor