

*Proclamation*

**World AIDS Day & Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week  
December 1-5, 2008**

WHEREAS December 1<sup>st</sup> is designated as World AIDS Day and the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> is designated as Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week to generate awareness of HIV/AIDS and encourage support for the people affected with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS there is a new HIV infection in Canada every 2 hours, meaning 60,000 Canadians are living with HIV infection (including AIDS); and

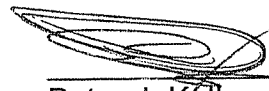
WHEREAS Aboriginal peoples are 3% of the Canadian population yet represent 10% of those Canadians living with HIV; and

WHEREAS in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island 713 people have tested positive with HIV between 1985 and 2006; and

WHEREAS this municipality has supported and assisted with the World AIDS Day ceremony in Grand Parade.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim December 1, 2008 to be World AIDS Day and December 1-5, 2008, to be Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality and encourage all people living in Halifax to work together to strengthen HIV awareness and prevention and to support those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008

  
Peter J. Kelly  
Mayor

