

Proclamation

WHITE CANE WEEK February 1 – 8, 2009

WHEREAS, the week of February 1 – 8 2009, 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

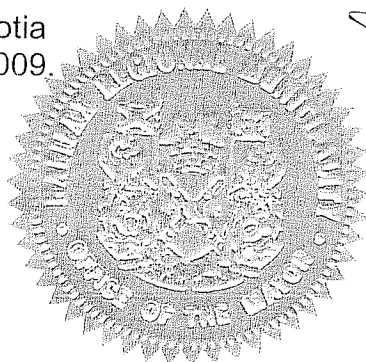
WHEREAS, this is the 62nd year that this public awareness campaign has taken place in Canada and reflects the changing situations of people who are blind and vision impaired; and

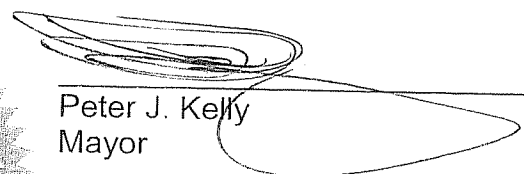
WHEREAS, White Cane Week is a program of the Canadian Council of the Blind which has acted as “the voice of the blind” for 64 years, and partner VoicePrint, a multi- media broadcast service established to bring full-text audio recordings of print material to all Canadians particularly those who cannot access printed information; 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, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim the week of February 1 – 8 2009, as White Cane Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 27th day of January, 2009.




Peter J. Kelly
Mayor