

# Proclamation

## Liver Health Month March 2009

**WHEREAS** One in 10 Atlantic Canadians will be affected by a liver or biliary tract disease, and that the liver is the largest internal organ in the human body and performs over 500 vital functions. Of the over 100 types of liver disease, a few can be prevented, some can be treated, but most do not have a cure – in many cases, transplantation is the only hope; and

**WHEREAS** Founded in 1969, the Canadian Liver Foundation was the first organization in the world devoted exclusively to providing support for research and education into hepatitis and other forms of liver disease. The mandate of the Canadian Liver Foundation is to promote liver health and to reduce the incidence and impact of all liver diseases; and

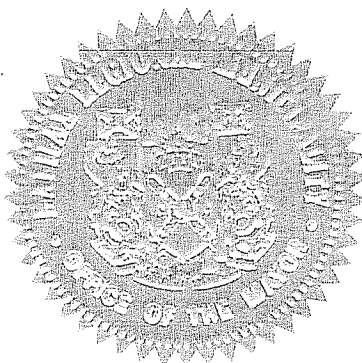
**WHEREAS** The Foundation has over 30 chapters across the country that provide liver health information and on-going support for liver disease patients and their families; and

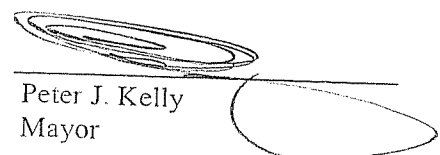
**WHEREAS** Through its research program, the Foundation has been able to provide much-needed funding to liver specialists across the country; and

**WHEREAS** During March, Canadian Liver Foundation chapters hold a variety of fundraising and educational events to raise public awareness of liver health and liver disease. 2009 is the Canadian Liver Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as "Liver Health Month" to recognize the commitment of Canadian Liver Foundation volunteers, staff, donors, researchers, sponsors and government partners, and encourage everyone to support the Canadian Liver Foundation.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 24th day of February 2009.



  
Peter J. Kelly  
Mayor