

## **Proclamation**

## Liver Health Awareness Month March 2011

**WHEREAS** One in 10 Atlantic Canadians will be affected by a liver or biliary tract disease and the liver is the largest internal organ in the human body. 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. Through its research program, the Foundation has been able to provide much-needed funding to liver specialists across the country; and

During March, Canadian Liver Foundation chapters hold a variety of fundraising and educational events to raise public awareness of liver health.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as "Liver Health Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1st day of March 2011.

Peter Kelly Mayor