

Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation May 2011

Whereas, sexual violence in its many forms is widespread and has public health, legal, economic, and social implications for every community member of the Halifax Regional Municipality; and

Whereas, rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment affect everyone in our community as demonstrated by statistics indicating that in 2004, approximately 31,000 Nova Scotians indicated that they were victims of sexual assault; and

Whereas, With leadership, dedication, encouragement, and by working together, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in HRM through increased prevention and awareness education, community mobilization, supporting victims/survivors of sexual abuse/assault, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of sexualized violence responsible for their actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim May as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 3rd day of May, 2011.

Peter Kelly Mayor

