

## Proclamation

## Oceans Day June 8, 2011

WHEREAS the history, economy and lifestyle of all communities in Halifax Regional Municipality are touched by the ocean; and

WHEREAS the marine sector is a major contributor to the regional economy, contributing to tens of thousands of jobs and over 15% of provincial GDP; and

WHEREAS Nova Scotia and HRM have a global-sized critical mass of marine researchers and businesses; and

WHEREAS Halifax is the site of the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Ocean Science and Technology, leading to the establishment of the Halifax Marine Research Institute; and

WHEREAS raising awareness of the importance of the marine sector to HRM's economy and quality of life will support the continued expansion of the sector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2011 as Oceans Day in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

Peter Kelly Mayor