Item No. 2



Proclamation

World Refugee Day June 20, 2011

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day, June 20 every year, is dedicated to bring attention to the plight of the world's refugees and to extend to them support; and

WHEREAS, the year 2011 marks the 60th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees; a cornerstone of international protection; and

WHEREAS, Canada is signatory to the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2011, the people of Canada will join the rest of the world in commemorating World Refugee Day and the 60th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention, while also celebrating the contributions of refugees to Canada;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim June 20, 2011 as World Refugee Day in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 7th day of June, 2011.



Peter Kelly Mayor