

## *Proclamation*

### **Drowning Prevention Week July 16 – 23, 2011**

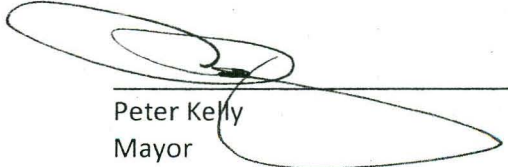
WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society of Nova Scotia is to reduce drowning and promote the safe enjoyment of the aquatic environment in Nova Scotia, and just one drowning in this province is one drowning too many and that almost all drownings are completely preventable; and

WHEREAS a greater awareness of the importance of being Water Smart is required especially in a province that is almost surrounded by the sea and in a Municipality that contains thousands of lakes. Only through education and a great respect for the potential danger that these bodies of water present may we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society of Canada has declared July 16 – 23, 2011 as “National Drowning Prevention Week”, the Lifesaving Society urges Nova Scotians and residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality to supervise children that are in and around the water, refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities and to wear a personal flotation device or lifejacket at all times when boating.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim July 16 – 23, 2011, as “Drowning Prevention Week”.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

  
Peter Kelly  
Mayor

