



## *Proclamation*

### **International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week October 25-31, 2011**

WHEREAS **International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week** is a global effort dedicated to the promotion of “EB” awareness in countries around the world.


EB is a group of debilitating genetic diseases characterized by the presence of extremely fragile skin that results in the development of recurrent, painful blisters and open sores and, in more severe forms of the disease, major complications including disabling musculoskeletal deformities, disfiguring scars, internal blistering, malnutrition, dehydration and early mortality risk, and it is known as a rare or “orphan” disease.

Approximately 3,000 people in Canada are impacted by this disease.

**International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week** will increase understanding, reduce unnecessary deaths, and improve the quality of life for people with EB in our Canadian communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Peter Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 2011, as “International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week” in the Halifax Regional Municipality.



  
Peter Kelly  
Mayor