



Proclamation

Gum Disease Awareness Month February 2013

WHEREAS Gum Disease Awareness Month is an annual health-promotion event directed at helping people make lifelong improvements in their health and quality of life by sharing information and spreading awareness with a key message of encouragement to take an active role in preventing gum disease with simple tools and habit changes.

Mounting university research indicates gum disease is a possible precursor to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, some cancers and even stillbirths. 7 out of 10 Canadians will suffer from gum disease at some point in their lives – building awareness can improve community health and prevent serious health consequences.

Canada has committed to providing reliable oral health information including how to prevent and treat gum disease because protecting and promoting the oral health, and in turn, the overall health, of the people in this community is in the best interest of the individual people and the community as a whole.

It is appropriate that a month should be set aside each year for the direction of our thoughts toward the health and well-being of our community, empowering a healthier community to be happier and more productive and to devote more resources and energy to positive contributions to Canada.

In the interest of public health, Canada considers it a priority to educate its citizenry about the advanced treatment options that can help them address the symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim February to be Canadian Gum Disease Awareness Month in the Halifax Regional Municipality.



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Savage".