



Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month May 2013

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM); and

HRM has one of the highest rates of sexualized violence per capita in NS; and has the lowest sexual assault reporting and charge rates in Nova Scotia; and

As a community, HRM recognizes that education, preventing and not committing sexualized violence, not being a bystander to sexual abuse/assault, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions is everyone's responsibility; and

With leadership, dedication, and by working together, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in HRM through increased education, awareness, action, and community involvement; and

HRM strongly supports the efforts of national, provincial, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexualized violence. We must move forward together to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment and community for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, May 2013 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of May, 2013



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Mike Savage
Mayor