



## *Proclamation*

### **World Prematurity Day November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

WHEREAS, November 17th is World Prematurity Day, a day to rejoice in the resilience of tiny survivors, to celebrate in the gains that have been made their care and to underscore the triumphs accomplished by their families; and

In Canada almost ten percent of babies arrive prematurely. Premature babies are more than just small when they arrive; all of their systems are immature and underdeveloped. Most of these babies need artificial support to perform essential functions. In addition, these fragile infants are at risk for a number of serious and potentially life-threatening complications.

Despite the potential serious set-backs and long hospital stays, an increasing number of these very premature infants survive to be discharged home with their families - often close to the date they were originally due to be born. We must continue to find ways to prevent prematurity and to support the babies and their families as they continue their journey through life.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor, Mike Savage, do hereby proclaim November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as World Prematurity Day, throughout Halifax and encourage all of our citizens to think about the world-wide problem of prematurity and how we can work together to better support healthy, happy babies and families.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014



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Mike Savage  
Mayor