



PROCLAMATION

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2015

Whereas Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and which ticks can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia, Lyme Disease Awareness Month is a month long initiative to increase awareness of tick borne diseases in an effort to reduce or prevent new cases.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month is recognized in many locations around the world by proclamation/resolution, lighting public buildings and spaces with lime green lighting, by tying lime green ribbons around trees, and by wearing lime green. Awareness and education is of paramount importance as prevention is the best way to deal with tick borne diseases.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, May 2015 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" and I would like to remind residents to take the appropriate precautions to prevent Lyme disease by protecting yourself from ticks; checking yourself, your children and pets for ticks; removing ticks properly as soon as they are found; and by recording the date and location of the tick bite and watching for symptoms.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of May, 2015



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor