



PROCLAMATION
Mito Disease Awareness Week
September 20-26 2015

WHEREAS at least one in 200 people harbors a genetic mutation that can lead to mitochondrial disease in them or their children;

Mitochondrial disease is among the most common adult form of inherited neurological disorders affecting 1 in 4300;

Research has consistently shown that mitochondrial dysfunction is at the core of many very common illnesses of adulthood including Alzheimer's Dementia, Parkinson's disease, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, osteoporosis, cancer and even the aging process itself;

The overall disease burden is unknown but significant, resulting in substantial direct and indirect health care costs to the patient and society as a whole;

There are few effective treatments and no known cure;

Thousands of Canadians suffer from this debilitating and often fatal disease; and

The MitoCanada Foundation, through greater public awareness, seeks to promote early diagnosis, education and treatment of mitochondrial disorders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 20th -26th, 2015 as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week in HRM and strongly encourage all residents of Halifax to continue to recognize and support the fight against this disease.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 20th day of September, 2015

Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor

