



## ***Proclamation***

### **United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week February 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

WHEREAS the 2010 UN General Assembly approved unanimously the first week of February as the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

The Freedom to observe and practice one's religion, individual conviction, faith or beliefs without fear is a fundamental right, recognized under the Canadian Bill of Rights.

The City of Halifax promotes the development of the full potential of individuals from all aboriginal, racial, ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious groups residing in the Municipality, as well as principles and programs that foster the understanding and sharing of this diversity.

The City recognizes the equality of rights and privileges of residents from all its diverse communities, promotes zero tolerance of discrimination, and recognizes the diverse need of its communities.

Halifax encourages and supports the development of programs and projects that promote harmony among its diverse communities.

Halifax encourages its diverse communities to share their customs, values and traditions with one another in the spirit of mutual respect, peace and harmony.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of Regional Council do hereby proclaim February 1-7, beginning in 2016 as the annual UN World Interfaith Harmony Week in Halifax.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015



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Mike Savage  
Mayor