

## ***Proclamation***

### **Pediatric Stroke Awareness Day May 6, 2016**

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2,300 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children. Yet very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke.

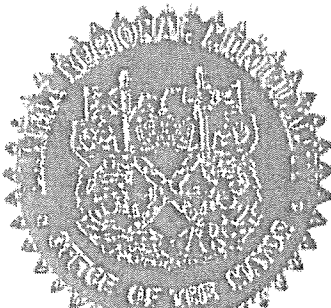
Up to 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious and permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems along with attention, learning and behavioral difficulties. They may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries.

The risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts and treatment are often different in children than in adults. Only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed.

The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family and society. However, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and the prevention of recurrence.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim May 6, 2016 as "Pediatric Stroke Awareness Day", in an effort to raise awareness in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016



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Mike Savage  
Mayor