



BLOSSOMING OF THE SUN DAY
June 10, 2006

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Shambhala honors the radiance and brilliance of the world manifest in the innate wakefulness of all human beings. Shambhala vision finds its natural expression in personal openness, compassion and confidence. Cultivating these qualities is the pathway to a fully human society; and

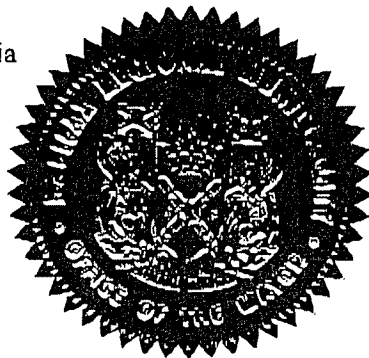
WHEREAS, This vision was made manifest in Halifax, Nova Scotia, by the great Tibetan Buddhist meditation master Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche; and

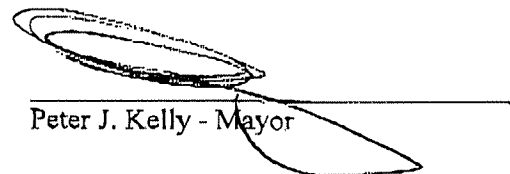
WHEREAS, Halifax has played a unique role in the bringing of this vision to the west. Twenty years ago Trungpa Rinpoche and his family made their residence in Halifax, establishing it as an international center of Buddhism. It was here that his eldest son was empowered as Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche, head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage and spiritual director of Shambhala. The Halifax Shambhala community has become an integral part of our city and is widely appreciated for its contributions to our spiritual, educational, and social life; and

WHEREAS, With the *Blossoming of the Sun* festival, Halifax today celebrates the coming together of two renowned lineages exemplifying Shambhala vision: Sakyong Mipham Jampal Trinley Mukpo and Semo Tseyang Palmo of the ancient Ripa family of Tibet, headed by His Eminence Tertön Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do on this joyous occasion of the *Blossoming of the Sun* wedding in the Halifax Regional Municipality of Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche and Semo Tseyang Palmo Ripa, hereby designate June 10, 2006, as **BLOSSOMING OF THE SUN DAY** in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and urge all members of our community to recognize this special occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
 this 30th day of May, 2006.





 Peter J. Kelly - Mayor