

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY FEBRUARY 3, 2005 - FEBRUARY 3, 2006

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS

Poverty, both internationally and locally, will be reduced if Canada and its communities support the Make Poverty History campaign by:

Collaborating together to educate and engage citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality in the Make Poverty History campaign and what is needed to eradicate poverty.

Wearing white bands, the global symbol of the Make Poverty History campaign and recognizing the three scheduled global band days of July 1, 2005, September 10, 2005, and December 10, 2005.

Signing on the Make Poverty History campaign online at www.makepoveryhistory.ca.

Meeting Canada's commitment, as proposed by Canada's former Prime Minister Lester Pearson, to commit 0.7% of its GNP (Gross National Product) for overseas development and improve the efficiency of foreign aid.

Joining the movement to cancel the debt of the world's poorest countries so that developing countries are given equal opportunities to develop under a relieved debt burden.

Living up to Canada's 1989 resolution, as unanimously voted on by the Canadian House of Commons, to eliminate poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000, as one in six Canadian children live in poverty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality do hereby proclaim the dates of February 3, 2005 to February 3, 2006, as *MAKE POVERTY HISTORY* year in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 28th day of June, 2005

Peter J. Kelly Mayor