



**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2002**

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Autism), a neurological condition ranging from mild to severe, affects 6-7 in every 1000 births; and

WHEREAS Autism was once thought to be a life sentence. However, research and implementation of longstanding programs now show that substantial gains are able to be made with appropriate treatment and education; and

WHEREAS The Autism Society of Nova Scotia is a non profit volunteer organization whose mission it is to work together with the community to provide individuals with Autism the opportunity to realize their full potential.

THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2002 as "**Autism Awareness Month**" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and urges its citizens to join the cause for quality treatment, education and condition appropriate care and services for this population.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of October, 2002.

Original Signed

Peter J. Kelly
Mayor

