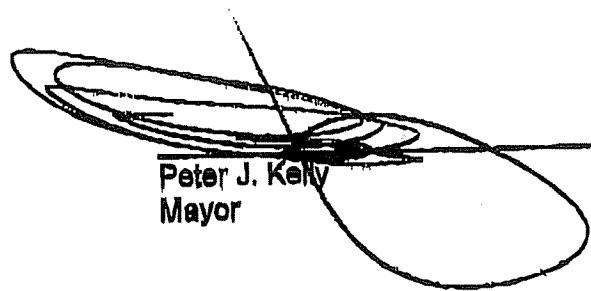
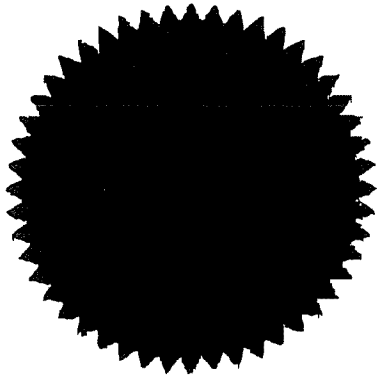


**CANADIAN HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK
WORLD AIDS DAY
NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 1, 2002
P R O C L A M A T I O N**

- WHEREAS** the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 40 million people are infected with the Human immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) world-wide;
- WHEREAS** UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2002 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "Stigma and Discrimination," the goals of which are:
- to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, challenge discrimination towards those affected of infected with HIV/AIDS;
 - to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
 - to promote and support HIV prevention efforts.
- WHEREAS** Health Canada estimates that almost 50,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and 15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected,
- WHEREAS** the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase with approximately 4,200 new infections each year;
- WHEREAS** in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against HIV/AIDS, and
- WHEREAS** Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2002 Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2002 World AIDS Day for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 19th day of November, 2002**



**Peter J. Kelly
Mayor**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. It is positioned above the printed name and title.