

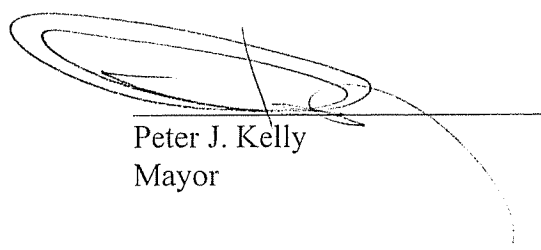
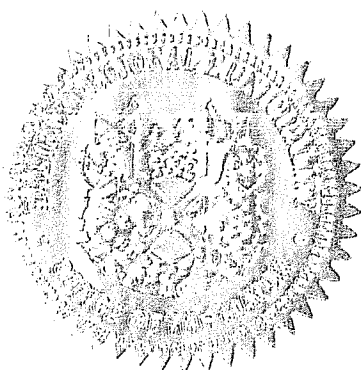
**HELP FIGHT LIVER DISEASE MONTH
MARCH 2003**

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

- WHEREAS the Canadian Liver Foundation was founded in 1969 and was the first organization in the world devoted exclusively to providing support for research and education into hepatitis and other forms of liver disease; and
- WHEREAS liver disease is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in Canada striking men, women, and children indiscriminately; and
- WHEREAS one in 12 or in excess of 2 million Canadians, will suffer from some form of liver disease in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS there are over 100 known liver diseases, only one of which is alcohol related; and
- WHEREAS the Canadian Liver Foundation's mandate is to reduce the incidence and impact of all liver diseases; and
- WHEREAS Canadian researchers have been recognized internationally for their breakthroughs in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of liver disease; and
- WHEREAS through its research grant program, the Canadian Liver Foundation has been able to provide much-needed funding to liver specialists across the country; and
- WHEREAS there are over 30 Canadian Liver Foundation chapters across the country that provide on-going support for liver disease patients and their families; and
- WHEREAS Canadian Liver Foundation volunteers, staff, donors, researchers, sponsors and government partners, share a common commitment to promoting liver health and one day finding a cure for liver disease,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2003 as "***Help Fight Liver Disease Month***" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and encourage all citizens to learn more about liver health.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 25th day of February, 2003.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor