



## CANADIAN LANDMINE AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the citizens of Halifax want to promote respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS Anti-personnel landmines have caused and continue to cause death and injury to innocent

and defenseless civilians and deny them access to land, food, water, schools and medical

facilities even after wars are over; and

WHEREAS the consequences and use of anti-personnel landmines contravene human rights and

International Humanitarian Law (The Geneva Conventions); and

WHEREAS The Canadian Public and the Federal Government called for and achieved a total ban on

anti-personnel landmines; and

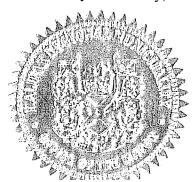
WHEREAS as a signatory to the treaty, Canada and therefore Canadians should do their utmost to assist

other nations in achieving the removal of all anti-personnel landmines safely from their soil, and in the provision of assistance for the care and rehabilitation of anti-personnel landmine

victims.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the week of February 24 - March 2, 2003 **CANADIAN LANDMINE AWARENESS WEEK** in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and do commend its observance to all citizens of our city until all mines are out of the ground and all victims have been assisted.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003



Peter J. Kelly Mayor