



**RESPONSIBLE GAMING AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 10-16, 2004
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS There is wide agreement among experts that awareness and education are essential in promoting responsible decisions related to gaming and to preventing and addressing problem gambling behaviours; and

WHEREAS Responsible Gaming Awareness Week is an event that is designed to heighten Nova Scotians' awareness and understanding of the nature of responsible gaming and to highlight the tools, information and programs available to them to support responsible gaming decisions; and

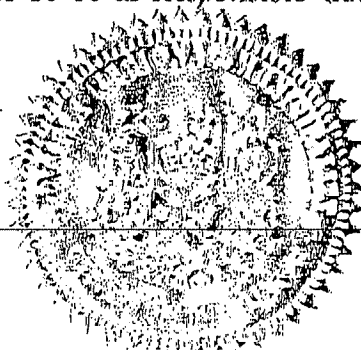
WHEREAS This year's theme "Everyone Needs a Game Plan" reinforces the need for personal planning based on timely and accurate information; and

WHEREAS This Week will also serve as a backdrop for the introduction of two new programs designed to help Nova Scotians make responsible, informed choices related to gambling. The first is a new province-wide program to support and encourage responsible gaming choices among VLT players. The second is an interactive, peer-led program that will give people between the ages of 19 to 24 the facts about gambling. It will be piloted at Dalhousie University here in HRM beginning October 12; and

WHEREAS These programs and other responsible gaming awareness activities will benefit citizens across Halifax Regional Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim the week of October 10-16 as *Responsible Gaming Awareness Week* in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 5th day of October, 2004




Peter J. Kelly - Mayor