



Proclamation

International Mother Language Day February 21, 2018

Whereas, mother language is the foundation of culture and deeply connected to every individual's sense of identity; and

Thousands of mother languages throughout the world are becoming endangered with devastating effects on rich cultures, heritages, customs and folk knowledge; and

Communities worldwide remember the language movement martyrs of the Bangladesh Language Movement of 1952 with utmost admiration; and thus, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999 unanimously agreed to observe International Mother Language Day on February 21st each year; and

A United Nations resolution in 2007 called upon member states to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world; and

The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) can act as a leader in promoting the official languages as well as languages of First Nations and those brought by generations of immigrants and encourage all residents to observe and celebrate International Mother Language Day recognizing the special role it plays in promoting cultural and linguistic diversity.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim February 21st, 2018 as "International Mother Language Day" in HRM.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 21st day of February, 2018



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor