

***Proclamation***

**Brain Injury Awareness Month  
& Aphasia Awareness Month  
June 2019**

WHEREAS, As many as 80,000 Nova Scotians and their families are affected by brain injury. There are an estimated 2700 new brain injuries every year in Nova Scotia and a person sustains a brain injury every three minutes in Canada. A brain injury can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere; and

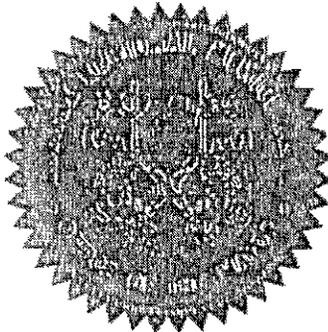
WHEREAS, Acquired brain injury is the leading killer and disabler of people under 44. The impact of an acquired brain injury is felt widely and the effects can last a lifetime. Support from family, friends and the community cannot be underestimated. The Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia fosters resilience, recovery and community for brain injury survivors and their families across Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS, Aphasia is an acquired disorder that affects a person's ability to use and comprehend language. Caused by an injury to the brain, it does not affect intelligence, but can compromise speech, writing, reading, and listening to spoken words. Annually, approximately 500 Nova Scotians have aphasia due to stroke/brain injury; and

WHEREAS, The Aphasia Association of Nova Scotia seeks to increase public awareness of aphasia with the hope of improving the well-being of citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim June 2019 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" and "Aphasia Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this month of June 2019



Original Signed

Mike Savage  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Savage', written over a horizontal line.