Information Item No. 1



Proclamation

Kidney Awareness Month March 2020

WHEREAS; Kidney disease is under-recognized, incurable and undetectable in its early stages and has increased at an alarming rate of over 60 percent in the last ten years.

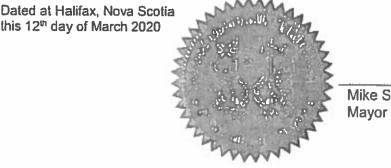
In fact, 1 in 10 Canadians has kidney disease and many don't even know because the symptoms are silent in the early stages.

Currently, right here in Nova Scotia we have ninety-nine people who are sitting on the waiting list to receive a new kidney. This number changes on a daily basis.

But there is hope. If people knew early enough that they had kidney disease, or were at risk, many could prevent or delay the need for dialysis or transplantation.

During March - Kidney Health Month - the Kidney Foundation of Canada will work to raise awareness about the risk factors for the disease and the importance of early detection.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim March 2020 as "Kidney Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and I call upon all citizens to observe this month, and raise awareness about this disease.



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Mike Savage