



**Proclamation**  
**FASD Awareness Week**  
September 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Whereas, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder matters. FASD is the leading cause of developmental disability with approximately 1.4 million Canadians impacted.

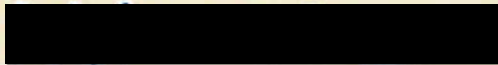
FASD is a diagnostic term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD will experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

September 9th marks International FASD Day. This day is recognized around the world and is intended to build awareness about the condition and surrounding stigma within communities, organizations and governments.

As part of the FASD initiatives across Atlantic Canada, we are asking municipalities and cities to proclaim the week of September 6-10, 2021, to be FASD Awareness Week. There are also have several initiatives happening for FASD day this year including a provincial event *Move for FASD* and a FASD rock art challenge.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor, Mike Savage I, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim September 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as "FASD Awareness Week" in HRM.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September of 2021

  
Mike Savage  
Mayor

