

Proclamation Year of the Garden & National Garden Day 2022/June 18th, 2022

WHEREAS, Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022;

WHEREAS, The Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector:

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples and settlers have a long history of relating to, stewarding and growing plants on these lands;

WHEREAS, Gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation.

WHEREAS, The Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality;

WHEREAS, Gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim, 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges. Also, the Saturday before Father's Day, National Garden Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in HRM as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 18th day of June, 2022

