



Proclamation

**Kidney Month
March 2022**

Whereas: Each day 1 in ten Canadians learn that their kidneys have failed, and this number is on the rise, 45% of new kidney patients are under 65. Their survival will depend on dialysis treatments or a kidney transplant. In 2021 kidney disease was the 10th leading cause of death in Canada. There are currently 717 people in Nova Scotia receiving hemodialysis treatments 3 or more times a week, 149 people receive peritoneal dialysis in their homes, 26 are receiving home dialysis, 42 received a kidney transplant, and 59 patients are waiting for a kidney transplant. Short term final assistance requests increased significantly in 2021 with 200 Nova Scotians receiving close to \$25,000.

Whereas: The Kidney Foundation of Canada is the only national health charity serving the needs of people living with kidney disease through funding research, providing educational and emotional support programs, promoting access to high quality health care, and, actively promoting awareness of and commitment to kidney health and organ donation.

Whereas: March 10th, 2022, is World Kidney Day and the theme is "Bridge the Knowledge Gap to Better Kidney Care." The Kidney Foundation, Atlantic Branch aims to raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems.

Therefore: I, Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace, hereby proclaim that the month of March be observed as "Kidney Month" in the City of Halifax. I urge all Nova Scotians become aware of your own kidney health and learn about the role your kidneys play in your body and the kidney disease warnings signs to look for, as well as the awareness of organ donation registry.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 10th day of March 2022




Pam Lovelace
Deputy Mayor