

Proclamation

Family Violence Prevention Week

February 12-18, 2023

Whereas all people deserve to live a life free from violence, but gender-based violence continues to impact our communities and families, we recognize the bravery of the survivors of gender-based violence and those who lost their lives. More than 11 million people in Canada aged 15 and over have experienced intimate partner violence at least once since the age of 15; and since 1992, over 60 women have lost their lives due to intimate partner violence in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Family Violence Prevention Week is the week of Valentine's Day every year, and gender-based violence disproportionately affects historically marginalized communities; and

Whereas community organizations rely on volunteerism and philanthropy to support survivors of gender-based violence and all residents to give back to their community in a meaningful way to help end and to take a stand against gender-based violence; and

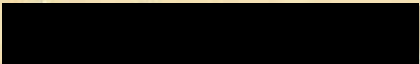
Whereas Shelter Movers Nova Scotia provides moving and storage services at no cost to individuals and families fleeing abuse. Moving and storage services is only one of many barriers to leaving a violent home. It takes collaboration within communities, local businesses and community agencies to support people, primarily women and children, as they transition to a life free of violence and abuse; and

Whereas on the day of recognition, we seek to raise the voices of survivors and bring awareness, and we encourage anyone who is living with gender-based violence to connect with community agencies that support leaving and healing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim February 12-18, 2023 as Family Violence Prevention Week throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 12th day of February 2023




Mike Savage
Mayor