



Proclamation

National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week April 23-29, 2023

WHEREAS, Over 4,400 Canadians need an organ or tissue transplant with over 240 Atlantic Canadians currently on the organ waitlist and, every year, an average of 250 patients die waiting; and

WHEREAS, Over 90 per cent of Canadians support organ and tissue donation; yet fewer than 23 per cent of Canadians have registered their decision to donate; however, 52 per cent of Nova Scotians are currently registered donors; and

WHEREAS, One donor can save the lives of up to eight people through organ donation and improve the quality of life for up to 75 others through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, Bill C-202 enacted National Organ Donor Week in Canada in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Only through education and increased public awareness can individuals be encouraged and inspired to register to donate their organs and tissues;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim April 23rd-29th, 2023 as National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week in Halifax Regional Municipality, and encourage all citizens to register their decision to become an organ and tissue donor and share their decision with their family.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 23rd day of April 2023



**Mike Savage
Mayor**