

## PROCLAMATION HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2023

WHEREAS: the fear of losing one's mind and the fear of losing control of

one's body are among the most profound human fears; and

WHEREAS: both losses occur in Huntington disease, an inherited

and fatal brain disorder that strikes in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS: every child of a parent with Huntington disease faces a

50 percent risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and there is no effective treatment and no known cure — yet; and

WHEREAS: the Huntington Society of Canada has initiated and

supported research into the cause and nature of this fatal disease, and the work of the Society has brought new hope to people with Huntington disease and families who bear

the burden of this affliction; and

WHEREAS: research continues to offer the promise of early diagnosis,

treatment techniques and ultimately a cure for Huntington disease.

**THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as "Huntington Disease Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and urge all citizens to lend their support to the Society in its efforts to unravel the mystery of Huntington disease, as well as a wide range of other genetic, neurological and psychiatric disorders affecting the lives of so many Canadians.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1st day of May 2023



Mike Savage Mayor