



Proclamation

World Pulmonary Hypertension Day May 5th, 2023

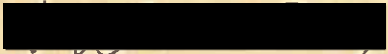
WHEREAS May 5th is World Pulmonary Hypertension Day and raises awareness of PH and celebrates the strength and resilience of the PH community worldwide. It is also an opportunity to highlight new developments in PH research and treatment; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that approximately 5,000 Canadians have been diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, but as many as 10,000 may be affected by the condition. Unfortunately, PH symptoms are similar to other lung and cardiac diseases, making an accurate PH diagnosis difficult. Alarming, many patients spend two to three years seeking an accurate diagnosis. Without treatment, the average life expectancy of someone with PH is less than three years. There is currently no cure for PH; however, thanks to available treatments, many patients are living longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS most Canadians have never heard of the disease until it affects them or someone they know. Unfortunately, this lack of public awareness means that pulmonary hypertension is often diagnosed at a very late stage.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, May 5th, 2023 as "World Pulmonary Hypertension Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
This 5th day of May 2023


Mike Savage
Mayor

