



***Proclamation***  
**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month**  
**September 2023**

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD will experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

WHEREAS, fasdNL is a pan-provincial organization that educates, provides supports and resources, and raises awareness about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in Newfoundland and Labrador and Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS, fasdNL is leading a three-year FASD prevention, awareness, training, and collaborative action project in the four Atlantic provinces; and

WHEREAS, FASD Awareness month is devoted to raising awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD and broad public awareness helps to put FASD the 'map'; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023



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Mike Savage  
Mayor