

## **Proclamation**

## International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week October 25 - 31, 2023

WHEREAS International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week is a global effort dedicated to the promotion of "EB" awareness in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS "EB" is a group of debilitating genetic diseases characterized by the presence of extremely fragile skin that results in the development of recurrent, painful blisters and open sores; and

WHEREAS approximately 3,000 - 5,000 people in Canada are impacted by this disease, which takes its toll on hundreds of thousands of patients, families and caregivers internationally at a rate of about one in 12,000, affecting both genders and occurring in every racial and ethnic group throughout the world; and

WHEREAS presently, there is no known cure for EB.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim October 25 - 31, 2023 as International Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 25th day of October, 2023



Mike Savage Mayor