

## **Proclamation**

## **Economic Abuse Awareness Day**

November 26th, 2023

Whereas, domestic economic abuse is a common but overlooked form of domestic violence that limits an individual's financial autonomy, including denying access and control over resources or constraining economic freedom;

Whereas, barriers to economic resources undermine a survivor's independence, including the ability to flee abusive relationships. Economic abuse has detrimental effects on a survivor's mental and physical well-being and other social determinants of health.

Whereas, economic abuse happens across socio-economic status, race, and age and is exacerbated by intersectional and systemic factors.

Whereas, economic abuse survivors have the right to be free from violence and must feel empowered to regain control over their lives;

Whereas, all levels of government must work to prevent economic abuse; and

Whereas, HRM commits to supporting victim-survivors of economic abuse and encourages everyone to inform themselves about the signs and impacts of economic abuse.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of the Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup>, as "Economic Abuse Awareness Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia This 26th day of November 2023



