



Proclamation

Rare Disease Day

February 29, 2024

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day is the globally-coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, health care and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease; and

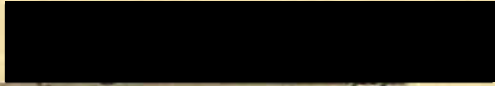
WHEREAS, 300 million people worldwide live with a rare disease and there are over 6,000 different rare diseases. Seventy-two percent of rare diseases are genetic and seventy percent of these genetic rare diseases begin in childhood; and

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day is observed every year on 28 February (or 29 in leap years) – the rarest day of the year; and

WHEREAS, though Rare Disease Day is patient-led, everyone, including individuals, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, clinicians, policy makers, industry representatives and the general public can participate in raising awareness and taking action today for this vulnerable population who require immediate and urgent attention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim February 29th, 2024, **Rare Disease Day** in Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 29th day of February 2024


Mike Savage
Mayor

