



## ***Proclamation***

### **National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week**

April 21-27, 2024

**WHEREAS**, Over 4,400 Canadians need an organ or tissue transplant with over 240 Atlantic Canadians currently on the organ waitlist and, every year, an average of 250 patients die waiting; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 90 per cent of Canadians support organ and tissue donation; yet fewer than 23 per cent of Canadians have registered their decision to donate; however, 52 per cent of Nova Scotians are currently registered donors; and

**WHEREAS**, One donor can save the lives of up to eight people through organ donation and improve the quality of life for up to 75 others through tissue donation; and

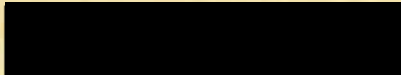
**WHEREAS**, Bill C-202 enacted National Organ Donor Week in Canada in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Only through education and increased public awareness can individuals be encouraged and inspired to register to donate their organs and tissues;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024 as National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week in Halifax Regional Municipality, and encourage all citizens to register their decision to become an organ and tissue donor and share their decision with their family.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2024



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor