

## **PROCLAMATION**

## LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2024

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, May 2024 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" and I would like to remind residents to take the appropriate precautions to prevent Lyme disease by protecting yourself from ticks; checking yourself, your children, and pets for ticks; removing ticks properly as soon as they are found; and by recording the date and location of the tick bite and watching for symptoms.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024



