Item No. 2



Proclamation

Moose Hide Campaign Day May 16, 2024

WHEREAS, the Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence. Moose hide is a symbol of taking a stand against violence and undoing the effects of Residential Schools; and

WHEREAS, Moose Hide Campaign Day is being recognized on May 16th to raise awareness and address the disproportionate rates of violence against women and children, particularly among those who are Indigenous. In Canada, half of all women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, and instances are even higher among Indigenous women.; and

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to stopping violence against Indigenous women, children and 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and believes that all people must take a stand together to end violence.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim May 16, 2024 as "Moose Hide Campaign Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 16th day of May 2024

> Mike Savage Mayor