



***Proclamation***  
**ALS AWARENESS MONTH**  
**June 2024**

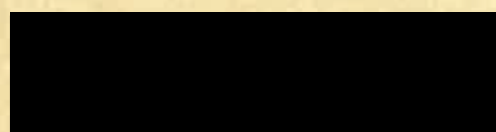
**WHEREAS**, June has been declared "ALS Awareness Month" by Health Canada. Throughout the month, public awareness and fund-raising campaigns will take place; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALS Society of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia's signature campaign is the ALS Walk Strong event which is set to kick-off June 1, 2024 in Halifax. The ALS Walk Strong event raises money to support those living with this progressive disease. Every year the ALS Society of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia loans approximately 600 pieces of equipment valued at \$800,000+; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive, fatal neuromuscular disorder that causes the degeneration of a select group of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. People living with ALS experience gradual loss of muscle control, mobility and motor skills, as well as the ability to eat or breathe. Eighty per cent of people die within two to five years after diagnosis, while ten per cent may live up to ten years or more. ALS is not considered a rare disease as two to three people die from it each day.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim the month of June as "ALS Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024



Mike Savage  
Mayor