



Proclamation
DAY OF PEACE
August 6, 2024

WHEREAS, 79 years ago, in August 1945, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed with atomic weapons, representing the only use of these horrific weapons on people. The survivors of these bombings have dedicated their lives to ensuring that no others experience the same massive death toll and illnesses resulting from the radiation; and

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons pose a clear, present, and rising danger to international peace and security, constituting an existential risk to human civilization and life on Earth; and

WHEREAS, possession of nuclear weapons does not deter military aggression by nuclear-armed states, but instead sidelines diplomacy, disarmament, non-violent conflict resolution, and common security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2021, a Nanos national opinion poll showed a supermajority (74%) in support of Canada signing the TPNW; and

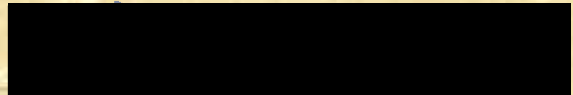
WHEREAS, not just national and provincial governments but municipalities around the world have a compelling moral duty to unite and work for the reduction and elimination of weapons posing an utterly unacceptable and unnecessary threat to all people and the environment; and

WHEREAS, as of March 1, 2024, 8,374 municipalities in 166 countries and regions, including 113 municipalities in Canada including the Halifax Regional Municipality, had joined the 'Mayors for Peace' coalition advocating a nuclear-weapon-free world; and

WHEREAS, the strongest current option to achieve freedom from the use or threat of nuclear weapons is to abolish them and Mayors for Peace strongly encourages all states that have not yet done so, including Canada, to sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which entered into force in January 2021.

Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby declare August 6, 2024, to be a Day of Peace in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 3rd day of June 2024


Mike Savage
Mayor