

Proclamation

Arthritis Awareness Month September 2024

WHEREAS, community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, innovation, advocacy, information and support; and

WHEREAS, arthritis is a serious disease, causing debilitating pain, restricting mobility and diminishing quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and

WHEREAS, during Arthritis Awareness Month, the Arthritis Society will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis and stand with them to fight for an arthritis-free future. We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Plan to take on the big issues of arthritis, including prevention, equitable access to care and treatment, and elevating the urgency of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Society is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1st day of September 2024

