PROCLAMATION

Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week
September 13-19 2020

WHEREAS, Approximately 9000 Canadians have definitive mitochondrial disease and MitoCanada Foundation strives to find a cure for mitochondrial disease through the research we fund; and

WHEREAS, There will be running, and walking; and other events in honor of those who have mitochondrial diseases and can't run or walk. Mitochondrial disease awareness will be achieved and more people can be educated on a disease that affects many Canadians all over the world; and

WHEREAS, At least one in 200 people harbors a genetic mutation that can lead to mitochondrial disease in them or their children. Mitochondrial disease is among the most common adult form of inherited neurological disorders affecting 1 in 4300; and

WHEREAS, Research has consistently shown that mitochondrial dysfunction is at the core of many very common illnesses of adulthood including Alzheimer's Dementia, Parkinson's disease, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, osteoporosis, cancer and even the aging process itself. The overall disease burden is unknown but significant, resulting in substantial direct and indirect health care costs to the patient and society. There are few effective treatments and no known cure.Thousands of Canadians suffer from this debilitating and often fatal disease; and

The MitoCanada Foundation, through greater public awareness, seeks to promote early diagnosis, education and treatment of mitochondrial disorders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim September 13th -19th, 2020 as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week in HRM and strongly encourage all residents of Halifax to continue to recognize and support the fight against this disease.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 13th day of September 2020

Mike Savage
Mayor