

## **Proclamation**

## Saint Patrick's Day Festival March 11- 17, 2018

Whereas; since its founding in 1749 Halifax has benefited from a rich tradition of Irish heritage and culture.

This week we recognize the ongoing Irish social, economic, cultural, democratic, religious, scientific and related contributions of the Irish to our City. We also want to reinforce the long historic links between Ireland and Halifax by engaging as many members of the non-Irish community in this celebration.

Activities begin today with the flag raising and continue Sunday with the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade that concludes at Lower Water Street outside the Marriott hotel. The highlight of the week will be the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Charitable Irish Society dinner on March 17th, featuring music, dancing, storytelling and merriment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim March 11 - 17, 2018 as "Saint Patrick's Day Festival" in the Halifax Regional Municipality and extend my personal thanks to Charitable Irish Society of Halifax and everyone involved in this very special event for keeping up our living heritage!

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 9th day of March 2018

Original Signed

Mike Savage Mayor