

WHEREAS, the diverse ethno-cultural heritage of Nova Scotia contributes greatly to life in this province, and the Jewish population of Nova Scotia is approximately 2,000 people, representing the largest Canadian Jewish community east of Montreal; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2018, the Senate and the House of Commons adopted the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month Act, and

WHEREAS, the month of May is meaningful for the Jewish community around the world and is a time to celebrate the Jewish community's significant contributions to Nova Scotia's collective success, social welfare, cultural achievements, politics, growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the history and essential role of the Jewish community and acknowledges the strength and resiliency of the Jewish community to overcome antisemitism, hardships and discrimination and to fight for social justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture and traditions, and Halifax Regional Municipality encourages all residents to learn more about the history of Jewish-Canadians and to reflect on the many contributions they have made to our community.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim May, 2023, as "Jewish Heritage Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

## Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia

This $1^{\text {st }}$ day of May 2023


