



## Proclamation

### Pregnancy And Infant Loss Awareness Day

October 15, 2024

**WHEREAS:** October 15 is recognized worldwide and in other regions of Canada as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, to symbolize our support of Nova Scotia's Bill 179, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Act; and

**WHEREAS:** each day in Canada, 5 babies die within their first year and 8 babies are stillborn; as many as 1 in 5 pregnancies end in miscarriage, one family in Nova Scotia per day experiences the pain of losing a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss; and

**WHEREAS:** there is a need to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the causes of pregnancy and infant loss so we can improve the healthcare provided for pregnant mothers and their babies; and

**WHEREAS:** increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources in communities across Nova Scotia; and

**WHEREAS:** promoting awareness of pregnancy and infant loss increases the likelihood that these families will receive understanding and support as they face the challenges of their distinctive bereavement; and

**WHEREAS:** a day of remembrance honours the lives of the children, and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of losing a child; and

**WHEREAS:** such activities emphasize the Town's commitment to supporting sensitivity and encouragement to bring this cause to light; and

**WHEREAS:** The day is observed with remembrance ceremonies and candle-light vigils, concluding with the International Wave of Light, a worldwide lighting of candles at 7 pm; and

**WHEREAS:** the Town of New Glasgow wishes to recognize the profound grief experienced by families who lose a baby.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow do hereby declare the day of October 15, 2024, as **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day** in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks