

**HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX AND
THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS the City Council did on the 1st day of April, A.D., 1946, unanimously pass the following resolution:

“Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Coffin that (1) Council go on record as approving the principle of a library as a War Memorial within the Regional Library Scheme; (2) Legislation be secured to enable the City to underwrite the expenses of the campaign for funds and (3) Legislation be secured to enable the City to make up any deficiency that might exist after the canvassing is completed.”

AND WHEREAS it has been found impractical to raise the required funds by private subscription,

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the organizations we represent, and as Citizens of this City, do respectfully petition His Worship the Mayor and the Members of the City Council to set aside from the “Post War Fund” of the City the sum required to erect an adequate Memorial Library.

The erection and maintenance of a modern Public Library in the City would meet a great need. The lack of such a library in Halifax is felt by many to be a disgrace. Nothing could be more symbolic of the sacrifices of those we wish to honour than a library housing books which Adolf Hitler burnt. A well-designed library would be a lasting Memorial, and with the passage of the years would evermore fittingly hallow the memories of those who died that others might enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of study.