## "PURPLE DAY"

- WHEREAS Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and
- WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people with epilepsy to know they are not alone; and
- WHEREAS epilepsy is the most common serious neurological condition; and
- WHEREAS epilepsy is estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, about 300,000 people in Canada, and approximately 40,000 people in British Columbia; and
- **WHEREAS** the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, and to respond with appropriate first-aid;
- WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase knowledge and understanding, and to improve the quality of life for our communities in British Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as "PURPLE DAY", on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the LEKWUNGEN SPEAKING ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 14th day of March, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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