

“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 26th, 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
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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