

“PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS”

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 to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone; and*

WHEREAS *epilepsy is the most common neurological condition affecting children, and the second most common neurological condition affecting adults; and*

WHEREAS *epilepsy affects more than 50 million people worldwide, more than 300,000 people in Canada, and 40,000 people in British Columbia; and*

WHEREAS *the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, nor how to respond with appropriate first aid; and*

WHEREAS *Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for our community.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim March 26th, 2018 as **“PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS”** on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **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 8th day of March, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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