

“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
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of March 1, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: February 1, 2018

From: Chris Coates, City Clerk

Subject: Proclamation "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness" March 26, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the *Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Proclamation* be forwarded to the March 8, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Proclamation*. Council has established policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of the 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations