

**"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 3,500 people in the Capital Regional District; 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 the day of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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**LISA HELPS  
MAYOR  
CITY OF VICTORIA  
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Sponsored by:  
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## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of March 2, 2017

**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** February 21, 2017

**From:** Chris Coates

**Subject:** Proclamation "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness" March 26, 2017

### RECOMMENDATION

That the "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness" March 26, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the March 9, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Proclamation. Council has recently established new 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 2016 and 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the new 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,

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Christine Havelka  
Deputy City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Chris Coates.

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Jocelyn Jenkyns.

Jocelyn Jenkyns  
Deputy City Manager

**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** Feb 21, 2017

Appendix A: Proclamation "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness"

Appendix B: List of Previously 2016 and 2017 Proclamations



## Appendix B

Council Meetings	Proclamations
Jan. 14, 2016	BC Aware 2016: Be Secure, Be Aware Days" January 25 – February 5, 2016
Jan. 28, 2016	Eating Disorder Awareness Week - February 1 to February 7, 2016 Variety – The Children's Charity Week - February 8 to February 14, 2016 Black History Month 2016 – February 2016
Feb. 11, 2016	Darwin Day – February 12, 2016 Bullying Stops Here – Pink Shirt Day - February 26, 2016 Rare Disease Day – February 29, 2016 Health, Wellness & Sustainability Festival Day – February 27, 2016 Chamber of Commerce Week – February 15 – February 19, 2016
Feb. 25, 2016	Tibet Day – March 10, 2016
Mar. 3, 2016	Victoria Co-op Day - March 5, 2016
Mar. 10, 2016	World Plumbing Day – March 11, 2016 Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – March 26, 2016 World Poetry Day and National Poetry Month – March 21, 2016 and April 2016 World Kidney Day – March 10, 2016 International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination – March 21, 2016
Mar. 24, 2016	National Volunteer Week – April 10-16, 2016 Canadian Oncology Nursing Day - April 5, 2016 Project Management Day – April 15, 2016 Autism Awareness Day – April 2, 2016 Everyone Matters Day – April 12, 2016 International Transgender Day of Visibility – March 31, 2016 Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month – April 2016 National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2016
Apr. 14, 2016	World Wish Day - April 29, 2016 Highland Games Week – May 17 – May 23, 2016 Earth Day Power Hour – 11:59 am – 12:59 pm the Friday preceding Earth Day – April 22, 2016 Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2016
Apr. 28, 2016	National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day – May 2016 Huntington Awareness Month – May 2016 Putting Investors First Month – May 2016 Brian Tumour Awareness Month – May 2016
May 12th, 2016	Parachute Safe Kids Week – May 30 to June 5, 2016 Public Works Week – May 15 to 21, 2016 Kids Help Phone – Walk So Kids Can Talk Day – May 1, 2016
May 26th, 2016	Orca Awareness Month – June 2016 Intergenerational Day Canada – June 1, 2016 ALS Awareness Month (Lou Gehrig's Disease) – June 2016 National Tourism Week – May 29 to June 4, 2016 World Oceans Week – June 1 to June 8, 2016 World Oceans Day and Rivers to Oceans Week – June 8, 2016 and June 8 to June 14, 2016 Medical Marijuana Day – June 11, 2016 Brain Injury Awareness Month – June 2016 Built Green Day – June 8, 2016
June 9th, 2016	Sri Chinmoy Oneness – Home Peace Run – June 24, 2016 Men's Mental Health Awareness Day – June 14, 2016 World Refugee Day – June 20, 2016 Access Awareness Day – June 4, 2016

June 23rd, 2016	Pride Week – July 1 to July 10, 2016
July 28th, 2016	World Hepatitis Day – July 28, 2016
Aug. 25, 2016	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2016 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2016
Sept. 8, 2016	KidSport Week – September 10 – 17, 2016 Peace One Day – September 21, 2016 Literacy Month – September 2016
Sept. 22, 2016	Community Living Month – October 2016 Manufacturing Month – October 2016 Occupational Therapy Month – October 2016 Fire Prevention Week 2016 – October 9th to 15th, 2016 International Blasphemy Rights Day – September 30, 2016 (amended)
Oct. 13, 2016	World Mental Health Day – October 10, 2016 National Teen Driver Safety Week – October 16 to October 22, 2016 Waste Reduction Week – October 17 to 23, 2016
Nov. 10, 2016	UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Day – November 25, 2016
Nov. 24, 2016	Think Local Week – November 27 to December 3, 2016 HIV/AIDS Awareness Week – November 24 to December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day – December 1, 2016 Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week – December 1 to December 5, 2016 Buy Local Week – November 28 to December 4, 2016 International Day of Persons with Diversabilities – December 3, 2016 GivingTuesday – November 29, 2016 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – December 6, 2016
Dec. 8, 2016	National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day – December 21, 2016 Year of Reconciliation - 2017
Jan. 12, 2017	BC AWARE 2017: Be Secure, Be Aware Days - January 30 - February 10, 2017
Jan. 26, 2017	Heart Month - February 2017
Feb. 9, 2017	Rare Disease Day - February 28, 2017 Chamber of Commerce Week - February 20-24, 2017