

**“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>, 2016 as “PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two Thousand and Sixteen.**

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

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