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To Tasha Buchanan,

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, however, it has the least recognition in society. The BC Epilepsy Society is a provincially incorporated non-profit organization and a federally registered charitable organization that serves the over 50,000 people living with epilepsy in BC and their families, friends and loved ones and works to raise awareness of epilepsy in the communities in which we live.

We are excited to let you know that International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is coming up and will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is a time when people in countries around the take part in events and activities to raise much-needed awareness of epilepsy.

We would like to request a Proclamation from Mayor and Council designating March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness in the District Municipality of Barriere. Included with this letter is a document outlining our draft Proclamation.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in the community.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at [deirdre@bcepilepsy.com](mailto:deirdre@bcepilepsy.com) or via telephone at 1-788-533-0790 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Syms  
Interim Executive Director  
BC Epilepsy Society



## 2022 Proclamation **Draft**

“Purple Day”

WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy that will improve the quality of life of British Columbians living with epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people living with epilepsy that they were not alone;

AND WHEREAS People in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness on Purple Day;

AND WHEREAS There are over 50,000 people in British Columbia, over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 million people worldwide living with epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS The onset of epilepsy can occur at any age and stage of life and does not discriminate against age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or sexual orientation;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day is a health promotion effort that encourages people to raise awareness of epilepsy so that we can create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place:

NOW THEREFORE I, Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

“PURPLE DAY”

in the District of Barriere.

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Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake