



PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS

March 26, 2023

WHEREAS: Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy in the community; 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: on Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness; 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 can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place.

NOW THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2023 as:

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in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 17TH day of March 2023

