

# Proclamation

## “International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness” March 2022

**WHEREAS** Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness; and

**WHEREAS** Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia who wanted people with epilepsy to know that they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS** epilepsy is not rare, and one in ten persons will have at least one seizure in their lifetime; and

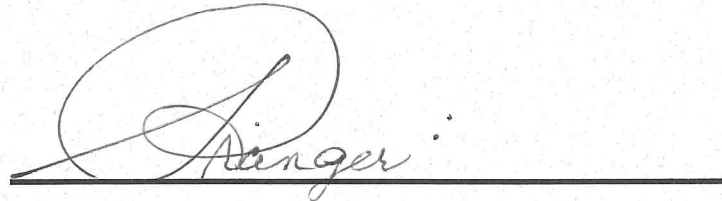
**WHEREAS** the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid; and

**WHEREAS** epilepsy is a very serious condition and, although death is not frequent, individuals do die from unexpected seizures; and

**WHEREAS** Purple Day is celebrated annually on March 26 to increase knowledge, reduce stigma and improve quality of life for families and communities affected by epilepsy in British Columbia and globally;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Sylvia Pranger, Mayor of the District of Kent, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM March 2022** as **EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH** in the District of Kent. I urge all citizens to learn more about Epilepsy, fight stigma, light Canada purple and wear a purple ribbon to show support.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this day of February 16, 2022



Sylvia Pranger  
Mayor, District of Kent