



# Proclamation

- 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 to know 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* the Council of the City of Port Moody does hereby declare Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

**“PURPLE DAY”**

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022