



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“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 do hereby proclaim Saturday March 26th, as “PURPLE DAY” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 24th day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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