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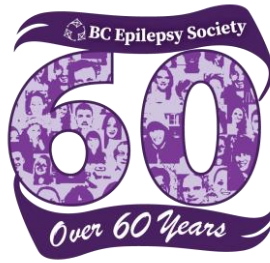
BC LIGHTS UP PURPLE FOR INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY® FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS

March is **Epilepsy Awareness Month in Canada!!!** This month culminates in **International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness** on March 26th, 2023.

Founded in 2008 by then 9-year-old Cassidy Megan, the purpose of **International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness** is to show people living with epilepsy in every community around the world that we are not alone! Every year on **International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness**, people in countries all over the world wear purple and participate in events and activities dedicated to raising **epilepsy awareness** in their communities. Buildings and landmarks in countries around the world also light up purple in support of **epilepsy awareness!**

This year for **International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness**, many buildings and landmarks in British Columbia will be illuminated purple to raise awareness of **epilepsy**. Please see below for a list of participating buildings and landmarks*:

- **Victoria, BC:** British Columbia Parliament Building
 - *Will be lit up on March 26th, 2023, from dusk to 1:00 AM*
- **Burnaby, BC:** Skytrain Pillars at Metrotown Skytrain Station
- **Castlegar, BC:** Kinnaird Interchange Overpass
- **Colwood, BC:** Colwood Fire Rescue
- **Coquitlam, BC:** Fountain at Lafarge Lake
- **Coquitlam, BC:** Skytrain Guideway Pillars at Pinetree Way
- **Coquitlam, BC:** Statue at Pinetree Way
- **Dawson Creek, BC:** Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre
- **Duncan, BC:** World's Largest Hockey Stick and Puck
- **Esquimalt, BC:** Archie Browning Sports Centre
- **Esquimalt, BC:** Esquimalt Adventure Park
- **Grand Forks, BC:** Clock Tower at Grand Forks City Hall
- **Granville Island, BC:** Heartbeat Light Structure at the Arts + Innovation Hub
- **Kamloops, BC:** Royal Inland Hospital
 - *Will be lit up from March 24th to March 26th*
- **Kelowna, BC:** Kelowna Visitor Centre
- **Kent, BC:** Kent Municipal Hall
- **Ladysmith, BC:** Ladysmith City Hall
- **Ladysmith, BC:** Ladysmith Town Sign
- **Langley, BC:** Douglas Spirit Square
 - *Will instead be lit up in the evening on Friday March 24th, 2023*
- **Mackenzie, BC:** Mackenzie Recreation Centre
- **Nanaimo, BC:** Nanaimo Bastion
- **New Westminster, BC:** New Westminster City Hall
- **Parksville, BC:** Parksville City Hall
 - *Will be lit up from March 24th to March 27th*
- **Parksville, BC:** Parksville Civic & Technology Centre
 - *Will be lit up from March 24th to March 27th*
- **Port Coquitlam, BC:** Port Coquitlam City Hall



- **Port Hardy, BC:** Port Hardy Marquee Sign
- **Port Moody, BC:** Port Moody City Hall
- **Prince George, BC:** Mr. PG Statue
 - *Will be lit up from March 24th to March 31st*
- **Quesnel, BC:** Fraser River Footbridge
- **Sechelt, BC:** Sechelt Municipal Tower
- **Sicamous, BC:** Sicamous Roundabout Structure
- **Surrey, BC:** Surrey Civic Plaza
- **Trail, BC:** Victoria Street Bridge
- **Ucluelet, BC:** District of Ucluelet Sign
- **Vancouver, BC:** BC Place Stadium
 - *Will be lit up on March 26th, 2023, from 6:00 AM to sunrise and from sunset to 11:00 PM*
- **Vancouver, BC:** Bentall Centre
- **Vancouver, BC:** Bloedel Conservatory
- **Vancouver, BC:** Burrard Street Bridge
- **Vancouver, BC:** Canada Place Sails of Light
- **Vancouver, BC:** Olympic Cauldron
- **Vancouver, BC:** Telus Garden
- **Vancouver, BC:** Vancouver City Hall
- **Vancouver, BC:** Vancouver Convention Centre
- **Victoria, BC:** Belfry Theatre
 - *All Belfry Theatre staff and volunteers working on March 26th, 2023 will be wearing purple*
- **Victoria, BC:** Victoria City Hall
- **White Rock, BC:** White Rock Pier
- **Williams Lake, BC:** Williams Lake City Hall

**Please note that all buildings and landmarks will be lit up on the evening of Sunday, March 26th, 2023, unless otherwise stated.*

If you see a building or landmark in your neighborhood that lights up purple this year, please take a photo of it and email it to Sonia at sonia@bcepilepsy.com. **Happy Epilepsy Awareness Month and Happy Early International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness!**

About Epilepsy: Epilepsy affects approximately 1% of the population, which means that there are over 50,000 people living with epilepsy in British Columbia, over 380,000 people living with epilepsy in Canada and over 65 million people living with epilepsy around the world.

About the BC Epilepsy Society: The BC Epilepsy Society is a provincially incorporated charitable organization and a federally registered non-profit organization that provides information, advocacy, and support to the over 50,000 people living with epilepsy in BC and their families. We raise awareness of epilepsy and appropriate seizure response in the community. If you want to learn more about seizures/epilepsy; find out more about the programs and services that we offer; or receive support for yourself or a loved one living with epilepsy, please visit www.bcepilepsy.com, phone us at 604-875-6704, or email us at either deirdre@bcepilepsy.com or sonia@bcepilepsy.com.

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