

## PROCLAMATION

## "March 26, 2022 as Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness"

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

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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;

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NOW THEREFORE I, Ken Williams, Mayor of the District of Highlands, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2022 as "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness"

in the District of Highlands.

Ken Williams, Mayor District of Highlands