

PROCLAMATION

Purple Day

March 26, 2023

WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase knowledge and understanding of epilepsy in the community;

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 On Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness;

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 stage of life and does not discriminate against age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or sexual orientation:

AND WHEREAS Purple Day can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place:

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Jones of the District of North Saanich DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Sunday, March 26th, 2023 as "PURPLE DAY" in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this $\frac{2h}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ 2023.

Peter Jones, Mayor

Rachel J. Dumas, Corporate Officer