

PROCLAMATION

Purple Day

March 26, 2025

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

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;

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

WHEREAS: increasing epilepsy awareness can help the public to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid;

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 Wednesday, March 26, 2025 as "PURPLE DAY" in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Peter Jones, Mayor

Lyndsay K. Alexander, Deputy Corporate Officer