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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Council <council@portmoody.ca>
Subject: Request for Proclamation from the City of Port Moody

To Whom It May Concern,

As you may already be aware, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, however, it currently has the least recognition in society.

My name is Deirdre Syms, and I am the Executive Director of the BC Epilepsy Society, which is a provincially incorporated non-profit organization and a federally registered charitable organization. We support people living with epilepsy in BC and their families, friends and loved ones and work to raise awareness of epilepsy in the communities in which we live.

We are excited to let you know that International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is coming up and will be taking place on March 26th, 2025. International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is a time when people in countries around the world take part in events and activities to raise much-needed awareness of epilepsy.

We would like to request a Proclamation from the City of Port Moody designating March 26th, 2025 as International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness in the City of Port Moody. Included with this email correspondence is a document outlining our draft Proclamation.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy across the Province of British Columbia.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025 and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at [REDACTED] or via telephone at [REDACTED] should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Syms
Executive Director
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Kind regards,
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The BC Epilepsy Society empowers, educates, and supports British Columbians living with epilepsy.

2025 Proclamation Draft

“Purple Day”

WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26th annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the 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 increasing epilepsy awareness can help the public to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid, and

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 **[Insert Name and Title]** DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday March 26th, 2025 as

“PURPLE DAY”

in the City of Port Moody