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**Subject:** Re: Lighting up City Hall and Proclamation

Further to my request via your website, the BC Chapter of the Canadian Celiac Association would like to request the City of Port Moody to consider proclaiming May Celiac Awareness Month.

To this end I attach a copy of the City of Richmond's proclamation for your information.

As a resident of Port Moody, with 2 celiacs in the family, and as a newly appointed Board Member for the BC Chapter I would appreciate your consideration.

We would also appreciate you considering lighting up City Hall in green on 29th May for to close out Celiac Awareness Month. We have a commitment from Vancouver City Hall, Science World and BC Place already to light up during the course of the month.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

Julie Clement



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## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Celiac Disease (CD) is an autoimmune disorder whereby the intestinal lining is damaged by gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley. CD occurs when gluten triggers an immune system reaction that damages the small intestine, thus impairing absorption of nutrients required to stay healthy; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that about 350,000 people in Canada have CD but the majority of these people are not diagnosed. British Columbians need to be better informed that Celiac Disease is not a rare disease; and
- WHEREAS,** research from Canada has shown that the average time from symptom onset to diagnosis of CD in adults averages close to 12 years; and
- WHEREAS,** all British Columbians need to be aware that early detection is critical. Untreated, CD can be dangerous, even deadly, and can lead to malnutrition, causing anemia, osteoporosis and cancer of the gut; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision of the Canadian Celiac Association is: Find. Treat. Cure.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm D. Brodie, as MAYOR of the City of Richmond, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM May 16, 2020, as,

**“INTERNATIONAL CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY”**

**in the City of Richmond**

**Malcolm D. Brodie  
MAYOR**