



Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS

- Whereas:* Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase knowledge and understanding of 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 to know 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:* over 50,000 people in British Columbia, over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 million people worldwide are 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, as Mayor of the City of Prince George,
I proclaim that **March 26, 2024**
be observed as: "**Purple Day**" in the City of Prince George.

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George