

## Proclamation

## **Purple Day**

## March 26, 2024

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

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, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare March 26, 2024 as "Purple Day" in the City of Surrey.

or sexual orientation; and

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey