



P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness
March 26, 2023**

- WHEREAS** Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of 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** 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, 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, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim March 26, 2023 as

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In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

