



## PROCLAMATION

### *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 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 people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness on Purple Day; 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 is a health promotion effort that encourages people to raise awareness of epilepsy so that we can create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place; and*
- NOW THEREFORE I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2023 as “**PURPLE DAY**” in the City of Courtenay.*

---

Mayor Bob Wells