



City of Courtenay

Proclamation

Epilepsy Awareness Month

Purple Day

March 26, 2024

WHEREAS: Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the 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 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, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim March 26, 2024 as "Purple Day" in Courtenay, BC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Wells', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Bob Wells