



# CITY OF KINGSTON

## Proclamation

GBS / CIDP Awareness Month  
May 2025

**Whereas** the month of May has been internationally designated as 'GBS and CIDP Awareness Month' to educate the public and focus attention on Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP); and

**Whereas** Guillain-Barré Syndrome, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, and their variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) are rare conditions characterized by rapid onset of weakness and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face, and in some cases leading to complete paralysis and requiring life-sustaining care; and

**Whereas** the cause of GBS, CIDP, and MMN is unknown, and these conditions can develop in any person, regardless of age, gender, or ethnic background; and

**Whereas** GBS, CIDP, and MMN have a slow and unpredictable recovery and patients and their families face an uncertain future, usually requiring months of hospital care without knowing if or when they will recover or if they will face long-term disabilities. Earlier diagnosis, treatment, and access to rehabilitation services can improve the chances of avoiding permanent residual damage of the nerves; and

**Whereas** in 2003, the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, a patient organization providing support, education, research, and advocacy was founded so that no patient or family would have to go through this alone.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 to be "GBS / CIDP Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 5th day of March, 2025

Bryan Paterson  
Mayor

