



CITY OF MOOSE JAW

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Month of May has been internationally designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and focus attention on Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), and their variants. These are rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic inflammatory disorders of the peripheral nerves, characterized by rapid onset of weakness and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face. In some cases, this can lead to complete paralysis, requiring life-sustaining hospital care; and

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

WHEREAS GBS and CIDP have slow and unpredictable recoveries. Patients and their families face an uncertain future. Early diagnosis, treatment, and access to rehabilitation services can improve the chances of reducing permanent lifelong residual damage of the nerves; and

WHEREAS the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, founded in 2003, provides support, education, research, and advocacy for patients and families affected by these conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAMES MURDOCK, MAYOR of the City of Moose Jaw, do hereby proclaim the month of May

GBS AND CIDP AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Moose Jaw, and by issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this important month and join in its observance.

**JAMES MURDOCK
MAYOR**