



# District of Port Hardy

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## PROCLAMATION

### MAY AS


### GUILLAIN BARRÉ SYNDROME AND CIDP AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS** The Month of May, has been internationally designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and to focus attention on Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves; and,
- WHEREAS** Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), and their variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), are rare conditions which are paralyzing and potentially catastrophic inflammatory disorders of the peripheral nerves, which can be characterized by rapid onset of weakness and, often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face, in some cases leading to complete paralysis and requiring life-sustaining hospital; 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, patients and their families face an uncertain future, usually requiring months of hospital care without knowing if or when they will recover, or whether they will face long-term disabilities; and,
- WHEREAS** In 2003, GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, a patient organization providing support, education, research, and advocacy, was founded so that no patient or family would go through GBS, CIDP, MMN or their variants alone.

Now, therefore, I, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Mayor of Port Hardy do hereby proclaim May as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" in the District of Port Hardy.

Proclaimed Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

  
Signed

  
Date