



OLIVIA CHOW  
MAYOR

# *Proclamation*

## **Guillain-Barré Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month**

**May 2025**

WHEREAS this month, we raise awareness of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), a group of rare autoimmune disorders that occur when the body's immune system attacks its own nerves. These disorders can lead to muscle weakness, numbness or difficulties with movement.

While there is no cure for GBS, which is the acute form of the condition, treatment options can aid symptoms and help to speed up recovery. It is important to seek early diagnoses and begin treatment as soon as possible, to increase chances of a full recovery.

CIDP is the chronic form of the condition that requires long-term treatment to reduce the chance of permanent nerve damage.

The City of Toronto acknowledges with gratitude, organizations that are committed to offering supports that contribute to the well-being of Toronto residents. Through education, fundraising and support, the health of our communities are improved.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2025** as "**Guillain-Barré Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month**" in the City of Toronto.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Olivia Chow".

Olivia Chow  
Mayor of Toronto

