



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“GBS 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) and its variants, are rare conditions 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 requiring life-sustaining hospital care. Often accompanied with excruciating pain; and*
- WHEREAS** *Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) and its variants, are rare progressive conditions, which can be characterized by the onset of weakness, numbness and tingling, which can lead to the paralysis of the legs and arms and effect other areas of the body, and it is not uncommon for individuals to endure significant pain; 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 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. Earlier diagnosis, treatment, and access to rehabilitation services can improve the chances of avoiding permanent lifelong residual damage of the nerves; 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, and variants such as MMN alone.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as **“GBS AND CIDP AWARENESS MONTH”** on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen People, the **SONGHEES NATION** and the **XWSEPNUM NATION**, in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, the **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 1st day of May Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

MARIANNE ALTO
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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