

# PROCLAMATION

## *Purple Day March 26, 2024*

**WHEREAS** Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy in the community;

**AND WHEREAS** Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people living with epilepsy that they were not alone;

**AND WHEREAS** On Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness;

**AND WHEREAS** There are over 50,000 people in British Columbia, over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 Million people worldwide living with epilepsy;

**AND WHEREAS** The onset of epilepsy can occur at any stage of life and does not discriminate against age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or sexual orientation;

**AND WHEREAS** Purple Day can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay do hereby proclaim Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as “Purple Day” in the District of Oak Bay.



Kevin Murdoch, Mayor  
The District of Oak Bay