



## PROCLAMATION

### Purple Day

March 26, 2026

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

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

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

**WHEREAS:** increasing epilepsy awareness can help the public to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid;

**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, Mayor Jones of the District of North Saanich DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, March 26, 2026 as "PURPLE DAY" in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Peter Jones, Mayor

Deputy Corporate Officer