



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## PROCLAMATION

### “International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness”

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; 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 to know 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** Increasing epilepsy awareness can help the public to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid; 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
- THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as

### Purple Day

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor