



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## PROCLAMATION

### “MS AWARENESS MONTH”

May 2020

**WHEREAS** Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 385 Canadians and more than 12,000 British Columbians; and

**WHEREAS** Multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

**WHEREAS** There is no known cause of, prevention of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

**WHEREAS** The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families; and

**WHEREAS** Annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike and A & W's Burgers to Beat MS support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and their families and supports MS research in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Since 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has contributed \$175 million towards MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

**WHEREAS** BC will continue to lead the way in multiple sclerosis research, through one of the world's most renowned multiple sclerosis research facilities at the University of British Columbia; and

**WHEREAS** Together we will find ways to enhance the quality of lives for people affected by multiple sclerosis and to find a cure to end MS.

**THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

#### MS Awareness Month

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor