

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting approximately 1 in 400 Canadians and over 90,000 across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and

**WHEREAS**, MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and

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

**WHEREAS**, since 1948, MS Canada has provided over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

**WHEREAS**, together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I NAME, Mayor of the City of [NAME OF CITY] of the Province of [NAME OF PROVINCE], Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2025 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

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