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City of Langley
Mayor Nathan Pachal
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MS Canada is asking the City of **Langley** to officially declare the month of May as MS Awareness Month. This declaration will significantly raise public awareness of the disease and its effects on the over 90,000 Canadians living with multiple sclerosis (MS), plus the work of MS Canada to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change.

MS is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, which includes the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves. Each person is affected by MS differently. The most common MS symptoms include fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes.

Approximately 1 in every 400 Canadians live with MS and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. Canada has one of the highest incidence rates of MS in the world and most of us know someone who is affected by the disease.

No one needs to face MS alone and we are here to help. In communities across Canada, MS Canada provides information, support, education and other resources for people affected by MS and their support networks.

Attached is the Proclamation document for your consideration and we thank you in advance for helping to recognize May 2026 as MS Awareness Month. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Patricia Wilson MS Ambassador – MS Canada @fortbillybrown@gmail.com

MS Ambassador
A face and voice for the MS community.

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Enclosure

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 **Nathan Pachal**, Mayor of the City of **Langley** of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2026 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

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