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Mayor Ted Schaffer and Council
Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent
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March, 2018

Dear Mayor Ted Schaffer:

May is MS Awareness Month.

Members of the Coastal Regional Chapter of the MS Society of Canada urge you to proclaim the month of May as MS Awareness Month in Langley in order to call attention to the exemplary efforts of the 100,000 Canadians who live every day with the challenge of this neurological disease. BC has the third highest concentration of people with MS in Canada.

A sample proclamation is enclosed for your consideration.

Since our founding in 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has been a leader in funding vital MS research into the cause, prevention and treatment of MS while providing services and support to people with MS and their families. The MS Society is proud of the work and contribution that our supporters and members continue to make to communities across BC.

We hope that you would also consider hoisting the MS Society flag to celebrate May as MS Awareness Month. Through the combined efforts of people across Canada in towns such as Langley, the MS Society is able to bring hope for an end to MS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrienne Boothroyd'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Adrienne Boothroyd
Director, Special Projects
MS Society of Canada

Proclamation

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 340 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 \$140 million towards MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of it's supporters and volunteers that has 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;

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (name here), Mayor of the City of (name of city here) of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2018 to be MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

THIS DATE:

SIGNATURE