

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The Month of May, has been internationally designated as “GBS and CIDP Awareness Month” to educate the public and to focus attention on Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves; and
- WHEREAS:** (GBS), (CIDP), and their variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), are rare conditions which are paralyzing and potentially catastrophic inflammatory disorders of the peripheral nerves, which can be characterized by rapid onset of weakness and, often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face, in some cases leading to complete paralysis and requiring life-sustaining hospital care; and
- WHEREAS:** the cause of GBS, CIDP, and MMN is unknown, and these conditions can develop in any person, regardless of age, gender or ethnic background; and
- WHEREAS:** GBS, CIDP, and MMN have a slow and unpredictable recovery, patients face an uncertain future. Earlier diagnosis, treatment and access to rehabilitation services can improve the chances of avoiding permanent lifelong residual damage of the nerves; and
- WHEREAS:** in 2003, GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, a patient organization providing support, education, research, and advocacy, was founded so that no patient or family would go through GBS, CIDP, MMN or their variants alone.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Brad West, Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam,

## DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

**May, 2024 as  
“GBS and CIDP  
Awareness Month”  
in the City of Port Coquitlam**

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Brad West  
Mayor

