



Proclamation

MS AWARENESS MONTH May 2019

- Whereas:* Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 1 in 385 Canadians and approximately 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 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 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 and together we will work to enhance the quality of lives for people affected by this disease and find a cure to end MS.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George, I proclaim **MAY 2019** be observed as:

"MS AWARENESS MONTH"
in the City of Prince George.

Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George