



# Proclamation

## MS Awareness Month

May 2024

**WHEREAS** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 400 Canadians and approximately 90,000 across the country; 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** MS 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 Canada's *Burgers to Beat MS* campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by Multiple Sclerosis and their families and support MS research in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Since 1948, MS Canada has contributed over \$200 million towards MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that has 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, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare May 2024 as "MS Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey