

Proclamation

International Celiac Awareness Month

May 2024

- **WHEREAS** Celiac Disease is often misunderstood as a gluten allergy, but it is actually an autoimmune disease, closely linked with diabetes and thyroid disease; and
- **WHEREAS** the Canadian Celiac Association wants to support those that have Celiac Disease find the resources they need; and
- WHEREAS International Celiac Awareness Month raises awareness that Celiac Disease is not a rare disease, as approximately 1% of the population have Celiac Disease and 80% of those individuals are undiagnosed; and
- **WHEREAS** there are many faces of those living with Celiac Disease who are looking to be recognized in the medical community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as "International Celiac Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey