

Proclamation

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

January 2024

- **WHEREAS** Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are degenerative brain disorders that affect people across British Columbia; and
- **WHEREAS** The social, financial and health impacts of dementia are felt by everyone people living with dementia, their families, caregivers and communities; and
- **WHEREAS** Stigma leads many people living with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and
- **WHEREAS** Early detection provides individuals and families the chance to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and
- **WHEREAS** All British Columbians need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and work to create more supportive and inclusive communities; and
- **WHEREAS** The City of Surrey is committed to achieving meaningful outcomes for people living with dementia and their caregivers that are person centered and effective; and
- **WHEREAS** The Alzheimer Society of B.C. is committed to building a dementia-friendly B.C., where people living with the disease, their caregivers and their families are welcomed, included and supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare the month of January 2024, as Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey