



Proclamation

International Celiac Awareness Month

May 2023

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 declare May 2023 as "International Celiac Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Locke".

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey