



Proclamation

Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

March 2023

- WHEREAS** multiple myeloma, also known as myeloma, is a type of cancer that develops in plasma cells found in bone marrow and is the second most common blood cancer diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS** a growing number of Canadians are diagnosed with myeloma every day, yet myeloma is relatively unknown, and remains incurable; and
- WHEREAS** great strides have been made in the development of new innovative treatments for myeloma, but there remains a critical need to raise awareness and support for Canadians' access to these treatments, and clinical research to find a cure for this deadly disease; and
- WHEREAS** the City of Surrey and the Canadian myeloma community are committed to supporting the range of diverse communities impacted by the disease, especially those disproportionately experiencing its effects and regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socio-economic background or language; and
- WHEREAS** the local Multiple Myeloma Support Group and a national patient organization, Myeloma Canada, work in tandem offering resources like information, advocacy, a sense of community, and showing people living with myeloma they are not alone;
- WHEREAS** Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month is an important opportunity to further educate the public, and medical community in recognizing myeloma's signs and symptoms, which is crucial for achieving earlier diagnoses and thus better outcomes for people suffering from this difficult, lifelong disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare March 2023 as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey