



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation MS Awareness Month

May 2023

WHEREAS; multiple sclerosis 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;

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove of the Province of Alberta Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2023 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.