

Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine year old girl from my riding of Halifax West, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you aren't alone; and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada; and

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

I therefore proclaim March 26, 2009, Purple Day, in a effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Hon. Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.
Halifax West
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