

City of Mission



Proclamation

City of Mission Council Resolution - April 7, 2025

WHEREAS The Month of May, has been internationally designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and to focus attention on Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves; and

WHEREAS Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), and their variants are rare conditions which can be characterized by rapid onset of weakness and, often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face, in some cases leading to complete paralysis and requiring life-sustaining hospital care, and it is not uncommon for individuals to endure significant pain; and

WHEREAS the cause of GBS and CIDP is unknown, and these conditions can develop in any person, regardless of age, gender or ethnic background; and

WHEREAS GBS and CIDP have a slow and unpredictable recovery, patients and their families face an uncertain future, usually requiring months of hospital care without knowing if or when they will recover, or whether they will face long-term disabilities. Earlier diagnosis, treatment, and access to rehabilitation services can improve the chances of avoiding permanent lifelong residual damage of the nerves; and

WHEREAS in 2003, GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, a patient organization providing support, education, research, and advocacy, was founded so that no patient or family would go through GBS, CIDP and variants such as MMN, alone.

Be it resolved that the City of Mission hereby proclaims May 2025 as

“GBS/CIDP Awareness Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this 7th day of April, 2025

MAYOR PAUL HORN

CORPORATE OFFICER