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To: Paul Horn <phorn@mission.ca>

Subject: GBS/CIDP Proclamation request

Dear Mayor Horn and Council,

My name is Dennis Larson, and I am a BC Liaison and CIDP survivor with the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada. I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Mission consider proclaiming the month of May 2022 as GBS/CIDP Awareness Month.

I have been a member of this foundation for several years. As a Liaison, part of my role and the role of other liaisons is to support patients with GBS/CIDP and their variants, in and out of hospital in the City of Mission, Fraser Valley and surrounding area. If it were not for COVID, we would be holding-in person support group meetings and awareness campaigns like Walk and Roll. Until we get to our in-person support group meetings, we are offering virtual meetings approximately every three months. We have multiple liaisons in BC, and we continue to support our patients and families virtually, by phone, e-mail, and text. Creating awareness of this rare condition is also a primary focus of the proclamation we submit. Like a lot of rare illness, quick diagnosis is imperative in successful treatment.

The Foundation's Medical Advisory Board includes prominent Neuromuscular Specialist across Canada including Dr. Kristine Chapman, who practices out of VGH. The GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada continues to support and educate patients and families upholding our Mission and Vision which can be found on the accompanying Trifold. I have also included a Proclamation Request and the Proclamation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you or Council may have regarding our request for a GBS/CIDP Proclamation in the City of Mission.

Warm Regards,

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