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**PROCLAMATION**

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) AWARENESS MONTH**

- 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, the MS Canada has contributed \$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;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan, British Columbia,*

*do hereby declare the month of May 2023 shall be known as  
"MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada"*

*Dated this 17th day  
April, 2023*

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*