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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, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as "MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada" in the City of Duncan.*

*Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.*

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*