

-PROCLAMATION-

WHEREAS

Guillian-Barre Syndrome (GIB) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) and their variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), are rare conditions which are paralyzing and potentially catastrophic inflammatory disorders of the peripheral nerves, 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 WHEREAS

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

AND WHEREAS

GBS, CIDP and MMN 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;

AND WHEREAS

early 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/CIPD 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, MMN or their variants alone.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kermit Dahl, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024

"GBS / CIDP / MMN AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 25th day of April 2024 in Campbell River BC.

Kermit Dahl MAYOR