



DECLARATION

WHEREAS: Epilepsy is a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures. It affects an estimated one in every 100 people or about 300,000 people in Canada;

AND WHEREAS: Epilepsy can have a significant impact upon an individual's physical and psychological wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS: In Alberta, we are working to provide Albertans with the critical health care services needed. Highly specialized treatment for epilepsy is provided at the Kaye Clinic in Edmonton and through the Calgary Epilepsy Program at the Foothills Medical Centre and the South Health Campus in Calgary.

AND WHEREAS: Purple Day was founded in 2008 to dispel myths about epilepsy and ensure those living with epilepsy know they are not alone. Through community outreach and other avenues, the Epilepsy Association of Calgary and the Edmonton Epilepsy Association support these awareness efforts in Alberta.

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE TYLER SHANDRO IS PROUD TO DECLARE THAT MARCH 26, 2021 IS PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY IN ALBERTA.

**The Honourable Tyler Shandro, Q.C.
Minister of Health**