

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**:

Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting

epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS:

Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-

year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know

that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**:

epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada; and

WHEREAS:

the public is often unable recognize the common seizure

types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

WHEREAS:

Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26<sup>th</sup> annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the

country and globally.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Mayor Don Darling,

of Saint

**John** do hereby proclaim the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as "Purple Day" in the City of Saint John in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Mayor of the City of Saint John.