CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

GBS and CIDP Awareness Month
May 2022

WHEREAS: The Month of May, has been internationally designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and to focus attention on Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves; and

WHEREAS: Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), 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. Earlier 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/CIDP 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.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeff Colvin, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby designate the month of **May, 2022** as **GBS and CIDP Awareness Month** in the City of Chestermere.

Dated this 18 day of March, 2022

Mayor Jeff Colvin

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