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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Request for Proclamation - GBS and CIDP
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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

My name is Jaylene [REDACTED], and I have been a resident of Airdrie for 7 years. I am writing to request consideration of a proclamation recognizing May as Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Awareness Month. The month of May has been internationally designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and focus attention on these rare conditions. The GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada is a national, not-for-profit patient organization that supports patients and families affected by Guillain-Barré Syndrome, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, and variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.

On December 12, 2019, I woke up early in the morning experiencing partial paralysis. My husband rushed me to urgent care at the Airdrie Community Health Centre, where the doctor determined I was most likely experiencing symptoms of Guillain-Barré Syndrome. I credit this doctor with saving my life, as I was able to receive immediate treatment. Guillain-Barré Syndrome is often misdiagnosed, which can lead to devastating impacts. I spent over a month in the hospital and was fortunate that my recovery was expedited so I could continue rehabilitation at home in Airdrie. Enclosed is a letter from Kim Brooks, Patient Advocate and Volunteer Coordinator for the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, providing more information regarding this proclamation request. I am excited to be a liaison with this foundation, to help assist others who are working through these conditions and to help inform others to build awareness.

If you have any questions, please feel free to connect with me. I am happy to speak to Council to present this request should you feel it appropriate. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you,
Jaylene