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THE CORPORATION OF THE
DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 13, 2009

Adrienne Boothroyd, Manager
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
1501-4330 Kingsway
Burnaby BC V5H 4G7

Dear Adrienne Boothroyd;

Re: Request for Proclamation of MS Awareness Month

Thank you for your letter regarding the campaign to mark May as MS Awareness Month, which I received on April 6, 2009.

While the issuance of proclamations by the District has been discontinued, your letter will appear on our public agenda under "correspondence".

The Walk for MS is an annual event in West Vancouver, and we usually have a delegation at our Council meeting to raise awareness. There is, of course, an open invitation to come again this year.

Many thanks for your willingness to raise public awareness of this issue.

P. Goldsmith-Jones
Sincerely,

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones
Mayor, District of West Vancouver



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Her Worship Goldsmith - Jones:

AMENDMENT: Proclamation not incorporated in prior distribution. Please see enclosed.

The 2000 members of the Lower Mainland Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada want to set aside the month of May to call attention to exemplary efforts of the 55,000 to 75,000 Canadians who live every day with the challenge of multiple sclerosis.

We hope you will proclaim May as MS Awareness Month, and have enclosed a sample proclamation for your consideration.

Since our founding in 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has been a leader in funding vital MS research in the cause, prevention and treatment of MS and of necessary services for people with MS and their families. Research has paid off with new drugs available for many people with MS, and we are looking forward to even more directed forms of therapy. Our ultimate goal is to end MS in all of its forms.

To help people with MS today, the Lower Mainland Chapter of the MS Society of Canada provides a wealth of crucial services for people with MS and their families. Our Chapter is proud to offer up-to-date, accurate information about MS, support and consultation, self help groups, educational workshops and social and recreational activities.

I will call your office in a few days to further discuss the proclamation and to try to schedule a photo opportunity with you and one of our members.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Boothroyd
Manager, Lower Mainland Chapter
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 55,000 to 75, 000 Canadians; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis;
and

WHEREAS, there is no known cause of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada founded in 1948, is the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has provided more than \$127 million for MS research during the past 60 years, as well as a wide range of programs and services for people with MS and social action.

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment of the supporters and volunteers here today could only make this possible;

Now, THEREFORE, I, the Town Crier of the City of West Vancouver, Canada, do hereby claim this month of May to be MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

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