



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation MS Awareness Month

May 2026

WHEREAS; multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting approximately 1 in 400 Canadians and over 90,000 across the country; and

WHEREAS; multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and

WHEREAS; MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

WHEREAS; MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and

WHEREAS; annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A&W Canada's Burgers to Beat MS campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and help support MS research in Canada; and

WHEREAS; since 1948, MS Canada has provided over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

WHEREAS; together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.