



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

## PROCLAMATION

### GBS & CIDP Awareness Month May, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the Month of May, has been internationally designated as GBS and CIDP Awareness Month to raise public awareness of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare and potentially disabling disorders of the peripheral nerves; and

**WHEREAS**, GBS and its variants are rare conditions characterized by rapid-onset weakness and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face. In severe cases this can lead to complete paralysis requiring life-sustaining hospital care, often accompanied with excruciating pain; and

**WHEREAS**, CIDP and its variants are rare progressive conditions characterized by weakness, numbness, and tingling that can lead to paralysis of the legs and arms and affect other areas of the body, often with significant pain; and

**WHEREAS**, GBS and CIDP have a slow and unpredictable recovery, patients and their families face uncertain futures, 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**, the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada was founded in 2003, as a patient organization providing support, education, research, and advocacy, so that no patient or family would go through GBS and CIDP or their variants alone.

**THEREFORE**, I, Sunny Samra, Reeve of Rocky View County, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2026, GBS/CIDP Awareness Month in Rocky View County, Alberta, Canada:

#### GBS and CIDP Awareness Month

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sunny Samra".

Sunny Samra, Reeve