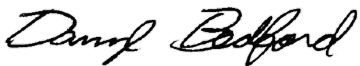


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Request details

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| Name of Organization GBS-CIDP Foundation of Canada |
| Requester Address |
| Date Proclamation Required May 2023 London, ON N5Z 2C1 |
| Proclamation Name Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Awareness Month |
| Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Month |
| Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public awareness campaign |
| Requester Name Darryl Bedford |
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| Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London See letter: Importance of University Hospital Department of Neurology and Western University in the diagnosis, treatment, and research into GBS, CIDP, and variants. Charity hockey game in support of Foundation being held at Western Rec Centre on March 4. Canadian Blood Services plasma donation centre located in London. |
| Required Supporting Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail information on the Organization• Detail information on the Event• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request |
| The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws |
| Signature  Date February 27, 2023 |
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This letter is in support of our application to proclaim May 2023 as GBS and CIDP Awareness Month in the City of London.

Connections to London

We express our appreciation for the proclamations that your Council issued in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

On March 4 students at two of Western's residences are holding a charity hockey game in support of our Foundation. I commend the students for their initiative in coming up with this event after learning about GBS and CIDP from one of their teammates. We hope to hold one of our **Walk and Roll** fundraising events in London as well later this year.

Last year, I noted the significant contributions of Dr. Angelika Hahn from Western University's Department of Neurology, to the diagnosis, treatment, and research into our conditions. I'm pleased to share that Dr. Hahn has been named to our Honorary Board, a well-earned recognition.

London is home to a Canadian Blood Services (CBS) plasma donation centre. London is also an important plasma donation site for Canadian Blood Services. Londoners should visit blood.ca for more information on how to donate. Blood plasma is needed to manufacture immunoglobulin (Ig), a primary treatment for these conditions. Depending on the quality of the plasma, it may require over a thousand donors just to manufacture enough Ig to treat one patient.

As a London resident, I am the President of the Board of Directors for the Foundation and a CIDP patient myself. We are grateful for the connections we have forged in London that have only strengthened over time. It is the support from across Canada that has helped us advance our support, education, research, and advocacy activities.

Canadian charity registration number: 887327906RR0001

1) Detailed Information on the Organization

The GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada is a national, not-for-profit patient organization that supports patients and families afflicted with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, and variants such as Multifocal Motor Neuropathy. These are rare autoimmune disorders where the body's immune system attacks the myelin sheath that protects the periphery nerves.

GBS has a sudden onset of symptoms, which can cause complete paralysis within a day. With an early diagnosis and prompt treatment, patients can recover, but are generally left with varying residual effects. Recovery and rehabilitation can take months or longer. CIDP is the chronic form of the condition with a slower progression that requires long term treatment for patients to reduce the chances of permanent nerve damage.

The Foundation serves patients through support, education, research, and advocacy. Visit our website gbscidp.ca for further information.

Attached to this letter is sample language that you are welcome to adapt for your resolution.

2) Detailed information on the Event

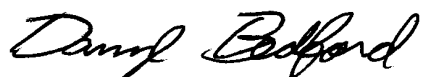
We are working to raise awareness of these rare conditions so that future patients get help sooner and will know that our organization is here to provide hope. We provide support and information through trained volunteers, our website, materials provided to hospitals, and organize local and online peer-to-peer support meetings. We provide patient educational events and build awareness within the medical community. We advocate for access to diagnosis and appropriate treatment. And we support Canadian researchers working to improve the quality of life of GBS, CIDP, and MMN patients.

3) Confirmation of Authorization to Submit the Request

As President of the Board of Directors, I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the Foundation.

Once again, we wish to thank City Council for their previous proclamations. We look forward to the City's continued support of our activities.

Sincerely,



Darryl Bedford
President, Board of Directors (London, Ontario)
GBS-CIDP Foundation of Canada

Sample Resolution Language

You are welcome to use or adapt the following WHEREAS clauses in your motion:

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 was founded to provide support, education, research, and advocacy, was founded so that no patient or family would go through GBS, CIDP, MMN or their variants alone,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that...