

**Whereas** Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario is promoting National Epilepsy Awareness Day; and

**Whereas** Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario is a registered charity, providing support services for people with epilepsy and their families, and community education services to reduce the stigma associated with the disorder; and

**Whereas** epilepsy is a chronic neurological disorder with no cure, which is frequently seriously disabling; and

**Whereas** epilepsy profoundly affects the quality of life for over 4,500 individuals and family members in our community and surrounding rural areas; and

**Whereas** Kingston citizens are encouraged to make an effort this month to learn more about epilepsy, fight stigma and wear a lavender ribbon to show support.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim March 26, 2025 to be "National Epilepsy Awareness Day" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 15th day of January, 2025

Bryan Paterson Mayor