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Dear Mr. Nelson Santos:

Brain Tumour Awareness Month – May

I am writing to ask your help in proclaiming May as *Brain Tumour Awareness Month*.

Brain tumours are unpredictable and complex. They can affect vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. Their effects are physical, emotional, financial, and last a lifetime. Brain tumours are the most common cause of cancer-related death in children under 20. There is no known cause of brain tumours, therefore, there are no prevention strategies. There is no cure.

I have been personally affected by a brain tumour which is how I became involved with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. I was one of the 27 people a day that heard those terrifying words, “You have a brain tumour”.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is committed to finding the cause of and a cure for brain tumours. They are also actively trying to find out how many Canadians are really affected by this disease, which is why they are building upon a brain tumour registry to count every Canadian brain tumour for the first time. The Brain Tumour Registry of Canada launched in May 2019 with data from 4 provinces, more needs to be done to ensure that every brain tumour in Canada is counted.

Please help raise awareness about this terrible disease and support our efforts to count every brain tumour, to advocate for research leading to better treatments and improved access to care for patients and their families.

Attached to this letter, please find a draft proclamation, which invites your municipality to proclaim May as Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn McLaughlin

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Town of Kingsville

Proclamation

Brain Tumour Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the causes of and cure for brain tumours are unknown and early detection and treatment is vital to prolonged and improved survival; and

WHEREAS brain tumours strike people of all ages from newborns to seniors, crossing all economic, social and ethnic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, brain tumours are the most common cause of solid cancer death in children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Tumour Registry of Canada is needed to know the number of Canadian children and adults diagnosed every day; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada is to reach every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

the Town of Kingsville

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