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Dear Mayor Meloche:

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”. You may remember me as I served as the elementary school principal of Maplewood and Essex Public Schools in your community for eight years.

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,

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