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VIA Email kathleen_somers248@hotmail.com

**Ms. Kathy Somers, Group Leader
Canada TNA (CaTNA)
Toronto/Ontario Area Chapter**

Re: Trigeminal Neuralgia Day – Light Up Teal

Dear Ms. Somers:

At the September 19th, 2017 meeting, the Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council, unanimously endorsed the attached Proclamation declaring October 7th, 2017 as Trigeminal Neuralgia Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

As stated in the attached Proclamation, Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN) is one of the most painful conditions every known to humankind and is characterized by intense facial pain originated from the trigeminal nerve, and it occurs most often in people over age 50.

On behalf of Mayor Clarke and Council, I commend your organization for its work in bringing awareness to this rare and painful condition.

Yours truly,

**Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk**

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Attachment



PROCLAMATION

“Trigeminal Neuralgia Day - Light Up Teal”

- Whereas:** Trigeminal neuralgia (TN) is one of the most painful conditions ever known to humankind. The disorder is rather rare, however many organizations raise public awareness of it. Observance of International Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day on October 7 is one of the ways to educate people about TN;
- And Whereas:** TN is characterized by intense facial pain originated from the trigeminal nerve, and it occurs most often in people over age 50, although it can occur at any age, including infancy. The possibility of TN being caused by multiple sclerosis increases when it occurs in young adults.
- And Whereas:** It is estimated that one person in 15,000 to 20,000 suffers from this condition, however the real figure may be higher due to misdiagnoses. The incidence of new cases is approximately 12 per 100,000 people per year, and the disorder is more common in women than in men. During recent years, the cases of TN drew much attention after several celebrities were diagnosed with this condition;
- And Whereas:** Trigeminal neuralgia has generated increasing national support with its “Light Up Teal” campaign to increase research funding and to raise awareness about this unrelenting and painful disease; landmarks, iconic buildings, homes and businesses across Canada are being illuminated in purple light to bring attention to this terrible disease.
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** That CBRM Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council proclaim October 7, 2017 as Trigeminal Neuralgia Day in Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and encourage CBRM businesses and residents to “Light Up Teal” in support of the *Trigeminal Neuralgia and Me* (TNNME) Organization’s 2017 Campaign which is focused on reaching out to the World Health Organization to add Trigeminal Neuralgia to their Health Topic List.

Councillor George MacDonald
CBRM District #9

September 19, 2017