



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** AIDS is among the leading causes of death globally and remains the primary cause of death in Africa;
- AND WHEREAS** UNAIDS estimates that in 2007, 33.2 million people worldwide are living with HIV, and 2.1 million people died of AIDS, 5,700 daily;
- AND WHEREAS** UNAIDS estimates 2.5 million people became newly infected with HIV in 2007, an average of 6,800 new infections each day: about 1,200 children 15 and under and 2,900 women 15 and older.
- AND WHEREAS** The number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS is estimated to be more than 58,000 and continues to increase. Every two hours someone in Canada is infected with HIV, approximately 4,500 people a year. More than one quarter of these people are unaware they are infected.
- AND WHEREAS** We know these infections and deaths are avoidable with increased access to prevention, treatment, care and support.
- AND WHEREAS** In the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defence against HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic.

NOW THEREFORE I, Roger McDonell, Mayor of the City of Campbell River do hereby proclaim the week of November 26th to 30th, 2007 to be:

"HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK"

and December 1st, 2007 to be:

"WORLD AIDS DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, British Columbia.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2007.

Roger McDonell
MAYOR