



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** it is estimated that 500 million, one in every twelve people, worldwide are infected with either chronic hepatitis B or C, and many of them are unaware of it;
- AND WHEREAS** it is estimated that 600,000 people in Canada are living with hepatitis B and C and are at risk for developing cirrhosis, liver failure, liver cancer and other non-liver related illness;
- AND WHEREAS** it is estimated that up to 60,000 people are infected with hepatitis C in British Columbia and a similar number with chronic hepatitis B, both of which are slow and progressive illnesses that gradually damage the liver;
- AND WHEREAS** an effective vaccine is available to prevent hepatitis B but there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C;
- AND WHEREAS** World Hepatitis Day is an opportunity to enhance public awareness and education, reduce stigma, foster tolerance and understanding, acknowledge those affected and explore ways to better address hepatitis B and C in the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Charlie Cornfield, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby declare July 28th, 2011 to be:

"WORLD HEPATITIS DAY"

In the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2011 at Campbell River.

Charlie Cornfield
MAYOR.