



City of Campbell River  
From the Office of the Mayor

**- PROCLAMATION -**

- WHEREAS** brain injuries can change lives, and the effects are equally devastating for survivors and families;
- AND WHEREAS** each year approximately 14,000 British Columbians sustain brain injuries with the most common causes being falls, motor vehicle collisions, infections, strokes, bicycle crashes and drug abuse;
- AND WHEREAS** these injuries can vary from a mild concussion to a severe coma, and are often devastating, resulting in permanent disability;
- AND WHEREAS** despite its major impacts on individuals, society in general and our health system, brain injury remains relatively invisible and has been described as a silent epidemic. Many individuals do not seek support; instead they go through day-to-day life struggling because they fear being misunderstood and unfairly labelled;
- AND WHEREAS** families, volunteers, advocates, brain injury associations, support groups, service providers and survivors continue to make brain injury prevention a priority;
- AND WHEREAS** Campbell River residents are encouraged to learn more about the effects of brain injuries;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Charlie Cornfield, Mayor**, do hereby proclaim June 2009 to be:

**"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"**

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

Dated this 15 day of May, 2009 at Campbell River, B.C.

  
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**Charlie J. Cornfield**  
**MAYOR**