



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability which occurs in approximately 1 in 93 births, the cause of which is not fully understood;
- AND WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorder, which is four times more common in boys than girls, may appear during the first three years of life and has been found throughout the world in families of all ethnic and social backgrounds;
- AND WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological condition that affects brain development and is characterized by impairments in communication, social interaction, and restrictive, repetitive behaviours;
- AND WHEREAS** these characteristics may cause the person affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder to have challenges relating to people, objects, and events;
- AND WHEREAS** appropriate support for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder may assist them in developing communication and other skills, resulting in more meaningful participation in their communities;
- AND WHEREAS** children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder can benefit from community supports and, with this assistance, an increasing number of adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder may be able to live and work independently;
- AND WHEREAS** the Canucks Autism Network delivers high calibre programs and services to the children, families and communities dealing with the affects of autism, encouraging friendship, understanding and social responsibility through the creation of mentoring and friendship opportunities, and in support of the designation by the Resolution Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, appointing April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Charlie Cornfield, Mayor of the City of Campbell River in the Province of British Columbia, do hereby proclaim April 1st 2011 to be:

"AUTISM AWARENESS DAY"

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

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2011 in Campbell River BC.



Charlie J. Cornfield
MAYOR