

-PROCLAMATION-

- WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no discrimination shall be made on the basis of sexual orientation;
- AND WHEREAS Campbell River is a society open to everyone including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirited and Transsexual community, who play an important part in the rich fabric of our diversity;
- AND WHEREAS Campbell River has taken a leadership role in the fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and is committed to equal treatment for all people and their right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace;
- AND WHEREAS with this year's theme "Homosexuality is not a sickness", and the scope of activity being Healthcare, AIDS Vancouver Island, its partners and other organizations are holding this day to further the inclusion of homosexual persons in society, encourage understanding of sexual diversity and end discrimination on sexual orientation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Roger McDonell, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim and declare May 15, 2008 as:

"DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia, and encourage community members to send a strong message that everyone is welcome, safe and valued in our city.

Dated this ninth day of April 2008 in Campbell River, B.C.

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Roger McDonell MAYOR