



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

WHEREAS Pulmonary Hypertension, or PH, is a disease affecting the arteries of the lungs, and can strike anyone regardless of age, sex, social or ethnic background;

AND WHEREAS In PH (which means high blood pressure in the lungs), the arteries of the lungs become narrowed and scarred, which can result in almost complete closing of the arteries; People affected with this disease suffer from continuous high blood pressure in the lungs which results in an enlargement of the heart, and can lead to heart failure and death;

AND WHEREAS Some symptoms of PH are: shortness of breath (especially with activity); bluish or purplish hands, feet and lips; swelling of hands and feet; light-headedness/dizziness especially when climbing stairs or standing up; chest pain, especially with physical activity; feeling tired all the time and sometimes even fainting. These "generic" symptoms often get mistaken for other less serious illnesses and conditions; patients, therefore, experience significant delays in receiving lifesaving treatments;

AND WHEREAS Rare diseases like PH get very little attention and are usually very difficult to diagnose, so shedding the light with a proclamation and media awareness will promote discussion among medical professionals and citizens, with the hope of earlier diagnosis for those affected.

NOW THEREFORE I, Walter L. Jakeway, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014, to be observed as:

"PULMONARY HYPERTENSION MONTH"

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

Dated this 24th day of September, 2014 in Campbell River BC.


Mayor Walter L. Jakeway