

## -PROCLAMATION-

WHEREAS

more than two million Canadian children and adults, including approximately 5,000 people in Campbell River, have diabetes; another 1.3 million people have pre-diabetes, a condition that puts them at the highest risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and one in three people with diabetes are unaware they have this serious disease with no cure;

AND WHEREAS

health complications related to diabetes include heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and lower-limb amputation; and in Canada, the cost of diabetes has been estimated at \$13.2 billion annually

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each year, 3.8 million premature deaths worldwide are linked directly to diabetes-related causes due to lack of access to care, treatment and education needed to manage the disease;

AND WHEREAS

The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 14 to be observed as a United Nations World Diabetes Day to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roger McDonell, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby recognize and declare November 14, 2008 to be:

## "WORLD DIABETES DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, British Columbia and urge all residents to help fight this disease by increasing awareness of risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices and providing care and treatment for people with diabetes.

Dated this first day of November 2008 at Campbell River, BC.

Roger McDonell

MAYOR