



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability that occurs in approximately 1 in 93 births, the causes of which are 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 neuro-biological 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** early intervention for young 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, and by 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, has set that April 2nd, shall be designated as World Autism Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Charlie J. Cornfield, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 1st, 2010, as:

"AUTISM AWARENESS DAY"

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

Dated this 10th day of March, 2010 at Campbell River, B.C.

Charlie J. Cornfield, MAYOR