

-PROCLAMATION-

WHEREAS brain injuries can change lives, and the effects are equally devastating

for survivors and families;

WHEREAS each year approximately 14,000 British Columbians sustain brain

injuries with the most common causes being falls, motor vehicle collisions, infections, strokes, bicycle crashes and drug abuse;

AND WHEREAS these injuries can vary from a mild concussion to a severe coma, and

are often devastating, resulting in permanent disability;

AND WHEREAS despite its major impacts on individuals, society in general and our

health system, brain injury remains relatively invisible and has been described as a silent epidemic. Many individuals do not seek support; instead they go through day-to-day life struggling because they fear

being misunderstood and unfairly labelled;

AND WHEREAS families, volunteers, advocates, brain injury associations, support

groups, service providers and survivors are continuing to make brain

injury prevention a priority

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Roger McDonell, Mayor, do hereby

proclaim the month of June 2007 to be:

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia, and to encourage Campbell River residents to support and learn more about the effects that brain injury can have on your life.

Dated this 3007 day of May, 2007 at Campbell River, B.C.

Roger McDonell

MAYOR