

## City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

## -PROCLAMATION-

**WHEREAS** 

the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no discrimination shall be made on the basis of sexual orientation:

AND WHEREAS

the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights;

AND WHEREAS

Campbell River is a society open to everyone including the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited, intersex, gender-queer and transsexual community, who play an important part in the rich fabric of our diversity;

AND WHEREAS

Campbell River's community members and leaders have taken a leadership role in the fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and are 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 "Speaking About Silence: Homophobia in the Sports World" CR Pride, through AIDS Vancouver Island, its partners and other organizations, makes the general public, of all ages and diverse social, cultural, and economic positions, more aware of GLBT issues — in classrooms, boardrooms, living rooms, and locker rooms, both in our own community and beyond. This day furthers the inclusion and celebration of GLBT persons in all areas of society, including sport. As Minister of Justice Kathleen Weil states: "No form of discrimination is welcome in the sports world. Being an athlete is...also about the values of justice, equality, team unity, respect, and dignity...[and] fighting any form of discrimination." Our city pledges to continue to work to create safer and more inclusive spaces — including, but not limited to, recreation centres, fields and other sport facilities — for all its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Charlie Cornfield, Mayor of the City of Campbell River, do hereby proclaim and declare May 17, 2010 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 13th day of April 2010 in Campbell River, B.C.

Charlie J. Cornfield, MAYOR