



City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** Lymphedema is an incurable condition affecting more than 250 million people worldwide (World Health Organization) with disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort and distress; and it is estimated that 170,680 – 341,360 Canadians are living with Lymphedema (20 – 40% of the number of cancer survivors reported by the Canadian Cancer Society);
- AND WHEREAS** Lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body and affects both men, women and children;
- AND WHEREAS** Lymphedema has a severe financial, physical and psychological impact on patients;
- AND WHEREAS** There is a desperate need to raise the level of knowledge about Lymphedema within the medical community so people no longer go undiagnosed, unmanaged and more effective treatment processes will be developed; and the lack of focus on this condition has resulted in inadequate research, education, no drug or effective surgical treatment, a drastic shortage of trained medical professionals;
- AND WHEREAS** The mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this distressing disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with Lymphedema through education, advocacy, and support for all people in British Columbia living with Lymphedema, their families and caregivers;
- AND WHEREAS** A high level of public awareness seems to be the key to successful fund raising which is required to advocate for access to high quality health care, to provide services for the special needs of those living with Lymphedema, to fund research and education;
- AND WHEREAS** Commitment to meeting the needs of citizens builds strong, healthy communities; and Communities throughout Canada and the US are demonstrating their support for people living with Lymphedema by honouring them, their families and care givers who provide love and encouragement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Cornfield do hereby proclaim March 6th, 2010 to be:

"LYMPHEDEMA DAY"

In the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia, and encourage all citizens of Campbell River and the surrounding area, to work together to promote and increase awareness so that the health and well being of all those living with Lymphedema is improved.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2010 in Campbell River BC.

Mayor Charlie J. Cornfield