



City of Courtenay

Proclamation

Brain Injury Awareness Month

WHEREAS: brain injury can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, ethnic, or social background; and

WHEREAS: of all types of injury, those to the brain are among the most likely to result in death or permanent disability; and

WHEREAS: many of these injuries will result in permanent cognitive, physical, emotional and/or behavioural impairment significant enough to prevent a return to an everyday way of life, creating serious hardships for the individuals, their family, and society in general; and

WHEREAS: education and awareness are the keys to the prevention of brain injury; and

WHEREAS: the promotion of safety devices, such as sports helmets, hard hats, and seat belts, is vital to the prevention of brain injuries; and

WHEREAS: the most recent unhoused point in time count in the Comox Valley revealed that 44% of respondents expressed having an acquired brain injury

WHEREAS: the Comox Valley has a uniquely increased risk of brain injury to our population due to our high senior population, the toxic drug supply epidemic, an unhoused population spike due to a housing crisis, and our community's love of outdoor sports

WHEREAS: the mission of the Comox Valley Head Injury Society is to promote the health and well-being of our participants through advocacy, education, skill development, and community integration, and to reduce incidences of brain injury in our community through prevention-based education throughout the year and especially during the month of June,

NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim June 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Courtenay, BC.



Mayor Bob Wells