



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF RICHMOND
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that approximately 60,000 to 80,000 people in BC are living with hepatitis B and the figures are similar (if not greater) for hepatitis C; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that over 500 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B and C worldwide. Hepatitis viruses can cause inflammation of the liver and chronic viral hepatitis infection can lead to cirrhosis and/or liver cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** many of those living with either hepatitis B and hepatitis C are currently unaware of their illness, as both can be asymptomatic for decades after initial infection; and
- WHEREAS,** most cases of hepatitis C can now be cured and hepatitis B can be prevented by immunization; and
- WHEREAS,** community based organizations, such as HepCBC Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society, health professionals and government partners in Richmond and BC continue to work on preventing new infections and ensuring that support for those affected by viral hepatitis is accessible; and
- WHEREAS,** the World Hepatitis Alliance has declared July 28 World Hepatitis Day.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm D. Brodie, as MAYOR of the City of Richmond, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM July 28, 2016, as,

“WORLD HEPATITIS DAY”

in the City of Richmond

and urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of the hepatitis viruses as a global challenge, to take part in prevention activities and programs, and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of hepatitis.

Malcolm D. Brodie
MAYOR