



City of Courtenay

Proclamation

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH AND DAY OCTOBER 15, 2026

- WHEREAS: pregnancy and infant loss can profoundly affect parents, families, and communities, leaving lasting impacts that may be difficult to express or understand; and
- WHEREAS: miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal loss, and infant death are experiences faced by many families, and grieving parents deserve compassion, understanding, and support; and
- WHEREAS: **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month** provides an opportunity to acknowledge and honour the lives of babies who have died, while recognizing the grief and loss experienced by their parents, families, and loved ones; and
- WHEREAS: increasing awareness and understanding of pregnancy and infant loss can help reduce feelings of isolation and encourage compassionate conversations and meaningful support for those who are grieving; and
- WHEREAS: October 15 is recognized as **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day**, providing an opportunity for communities to remember the babies who have been lost and to stand in support of families who continue to carry their memories; and
- NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Courtenay, BC.

Mayor Bob Wells