



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS in 1921, optometry became a self-regulating profession in British Columbia, and the profession has grown significantly over the last 100 years, both in the number of doctors of optometry (optometrists) and in the development of professional optometry practice, and

WHEREAS vision care is a critical component of health care, and optometrists provide primary vision care to determine the overall health of an individual's eyes and the quality of their vision, and

WHEREAS optometrists deliver a continuum of services, including conducting eye exams, co-managing related systemic conditions such as diabetes, fitting and dispensing eyewear, and providing referrals to medical practitioners such as ophthalmologists, and

WHEREAS the 100th Anniversary of BC Optometry is an opportunity to celebrate the historical successes of optometrists in clinical practices and to recognize optometrists as the guardians of visual welfare in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 17, 2021, shall be known as

“100th Anniversary of BC Optometry”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-ninth day of July, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor