



**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 the condition of addiction in its various forms has resulted in tremendous suffering for individuals, families and communities in the Province of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS so many steadfast and courageous citizens living with substance use and addiction have sought help to address these challenges, and

WHEREAS citizens living with substance use and addiction follow many different pathways in their recovery journey, and

WHEREAS so many citizens have received help in starting their recovery journey and, with their own resilience and determination and the support of loved ones, have been able to achieve positive and sustainable change in their lives, and

WHEREAS so many are living in or pursuing recovery from addiction and are engaged in positive relationships with themselves, their families and those around them, and

WHEREAS so many pursuing or living in recovery make meaningful contributions to their communities, and

WHEREAS many have experienced stigma resulting in their reluctance to openly share, without need for explanation, their inspiring stories, and

WHEREAS these very same people say, in unison, “I am in recovery” and I am all the stronger and happier and more richly fulfilled as a person because of it, and

WHEREAS we choose now to celebrate our recovery and the recovery of those family members and loved ones beside us;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 1 to 7, 2019 shall be known as

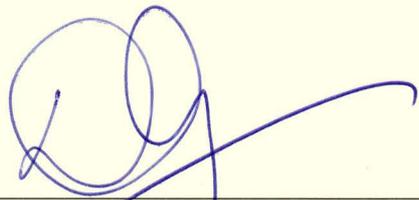
**“Addiction Recovery Week”**

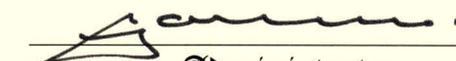
in the Province of British Columbia.

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

WITNESS, The Honourable Robert Bauman, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Vancouver, in Our Province, this nineteenth day of July, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Administrator