



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 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias are degenerative brain disorders that affect approximately 70 000 British Columbians currently living with a diagnosis—including many individuals under 65 years of age—and many more who remain undiagnosed, and the social, financial and health impacts of dementia are felt not only by people living with dementia but also by their families, caregivers and communities, and

WHEREAS stigma leads many people living with dementia, and their families, to fear being excluded and treated differently, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis, and

WHEREAS early detection provides individuals and families the chance to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future, and

WHEREAS all British Columbians need to be better informed about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, and work to create more supportive and inclusive communities, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to achieving meaningful, person-centred outcomes for people living with dementia and their caregivers, and

WHEREAS the Alzheimer Society of BC is committed to building a dementia-friendly British Columbia, where people living with the disease, their caregivers and their families are welcomed, included and supported;

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

**“Alzheimer’s Awareness Month”**

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 tenth day of December, two thousand twenty and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor