



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 Province of British Columbia recognizes that the health, safety and well-being of all animals is vital,  
and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia leads the country with the toughest penalties for anyone proven  
responsible for harming an animal, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia believes that the prevention of cruelty to animals is a matter of  
humanity and not just a matter of legislation, and

WHEREAS by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize and report signs of animal  
abuse, we can help protect all animals from abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS awareness of the connection between animal abuse and human violence can help protect those who are  
vulnerable;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 23, 2019 shall be known as

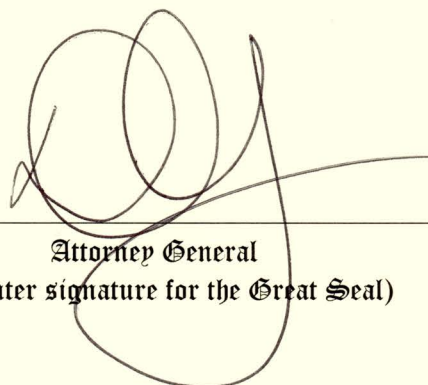
**“Animal Abuse Prevention Day”  
(in honour of the lost lives of 56 sled dogs on April 23, 2010)**

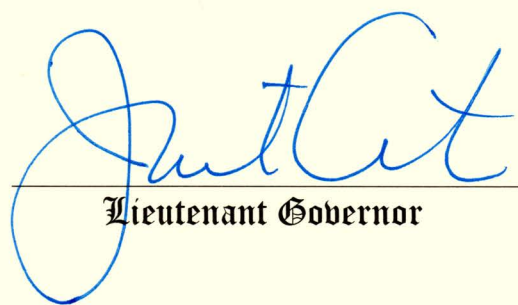
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 fourth day of April, 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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Lieutenant Governor