



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS autism spectrum disorder, also known as autism, is a neurodevelopmental diagnosis that occurs in approximately 1 in every 29 children and youth between the ages of 6 and 18 years in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS British Columbia has a diverse community of children, youth and adults on the autism spectrum from all ethnic, social and economic backgrounds, and

WHEREAS autism affects a person's social relationships, communication, interests and behaviours, and supports and services for children and youth on the autism spectrum can help improve their quality of life, and

WHEREAS children, youth and adults on the autism spectrum and their families can benefit from individualized community supports and inclusive, culturally safe and trauma-informed practices, and, with this assistance, an increasing number of individuals on the autism spectrum are able to live and work independently, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to promote awareness and acceptance by providing information about autism and encouraging further research into understanding effective services and supports across the lifespan for individuals on the autism spectrum;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 2023 shall be known as

“Autism Acceptance Month”

and April 2, 2023, shall be known as

“World Autism Day”

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 thirtieth day of March, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor