



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 autism spectrum disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder that occurs in approximately 1 in every 50 children and youth in British Columbia, and

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

WHEREAS autism spectrum disorder affects a person's social relationships, communication, interests and behaviours, and

WHEREAS early intervention for young children on the autism spectrum may help them develop communication, social and other skills, resulting in more meaningful participation in their communities, and

WHEREAS children, youth and adults on the autism spectrum and their families can benefit from community supports and inclusive 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 raise the awareness of both professionals and the public by providing information about autism spectrum disorder and by encouraging further research into understanding effective interventions across the lifespan for people on the autism spectrum;

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

“Autism Awareness Month”

and that April 2, 2021, 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 twenty-fifth day of March, 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