



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 children and youth in care have the right to safety and support for optimal development and social well-being; and the government of British Columbia wishes to celebrate the accomplishments of children and youth in government care, including youth in youth agreements and children and youth in out-of-care placements, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia continues to engage with children and youth, youth-serving agencies and partners throughout the province to reinforce its commitment to working with children and youth in a respectful, culturally appropriate, effective and meaningful way, and

WHEREAS it is the shared responsibility of the government of British Columbia, the community and families to ensure that children and youth in care are supported and encouraged to achieve their unique goals, and have the opportunity to succeed and create positive futures; and the government of British Columbia is responsible for and committed to upholding the rights of children and youth in care, as identified in the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* and in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the inherent right of Indigenous self-determination, including the right of Indigenous families and communities to care for and raise their children and youth within their traditions, customs and culture, as well as their right to share in decisions regarding the well-being of Indigenous children and youth consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to raise awareness and supports opportunities for children and youth in care to share their stories and experiences, to celebrate their successes, to contribute to society, and to meaningfully engage and connect with their preferred cultures, people and communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 31 to June 6, 2021, shall be known as

“BC Child and Youth in Care 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 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 twentieth day of May, 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