



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 International Day of the Midwife was first celebrated on May 5, 1992, and is now observed in more than 50 countries around the world, including Canada, and

WHEREAS midwives are committed to the health and well-being of women, infants and families, and scientific research demonstrates that midwives improve pregnancy and child health outcomes, and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Children's Fund and the World Bank are in agreement that midwives play an essential role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals to reduce maternal and newborn mortality, and

WHEREAS in British Columbia, registered midwives are highly trained, educated and regulated professionals who are experts in healthy pregnancy, birth and post-natal care and act as a member of the primary care team, and

WHEREAS registered midwives provide assessment, monitoring and care for pregnant people and enable options for labour, in hospital and at home, and delivery of healthy newborns, and

WHEREAS in British Columbia, midwives are playing an increasingly important role in strengthening the health care system and are integral to the establishment of team-based primary health care networks in urban and rural communities, and

WHEREAS midwives are well positioned to address the challenge of bringing birth closer to home for families living in rural and remote communities as members of the primary care team, and

WHEREAS today we recognize and celebrate the work of midwives in providing safe and quality maternity care for pregnant people and families across the province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 5, 2019 shall be known as

“British Columbia Midwives’ 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 first day of May, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor