



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 Belonging and Empowerment Day (Pink Shirt Day) highlights the commitment to make British Columbia a safe and inclusive province, and

WHEREAS acts of homophobic and transphobic bullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation and violence have a profound effect on an individual's feelings of safety and self-worth and ability to learn, and

WHEREAS acts of homophobic and transphobic bullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation and violence are unacceptable in a safe, caring and orderly society, and

WHEREAS Belonging and Empowerment Day (Pink Shirt Day) is an opportunity to recognize efforts to build communities that foster respect, inclusion, fairness, equity and compassion, and

WHEREAS Belonging and Empowerment Day (Pink Shirt Day) is an opportunity to actively promote respectful and kind behaviour, and

WHEREAS Belonging and Empowerment Day (Pink Shirt Day) is an occasion to celebrate the actions of individuals, schools, communities and sports organizations to address homophobic and transphobic bullying, discrimination, harassment, intimidation and violence;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 23, 2022, shall be known as

“Belonging and Empowerment Day (Pink Shirt 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 third day of February, two thousand twenty-two 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