



**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 the provision of care and support of the bereaved facilitates the diminishment of grief, and

WHEREAS bereaved people are in need of community supports because of:

- reduced access to family support due to high mobility and distance
- reduced connection with community
- the process of grief which can be a long, lonely, difficult one
- stigma associated with some types of deaths including AIDS, suicide and violent crime, and

WHEREAS renewing public understanding of bereavement as a natural response to the death of a loved one is helpful to the bereaved in adjusting to the loss;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 27, 2018 shall be known as

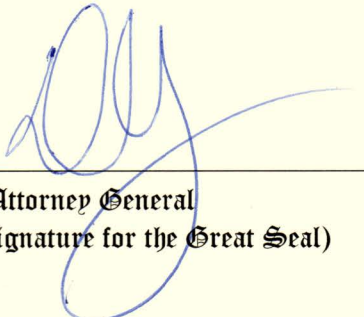
**“Bereavement Day”**

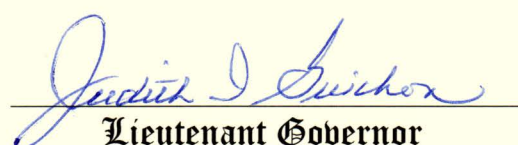
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-sixth day of January, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor