



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 celiac disease (CD) is an autoimmune disorder that occurs when gluten—a protein found in wheat, rye and barley—triggers an immune system reaction that damages the lining of the small intestine, thus impairing absorption of nutrients required to stay healthy, and

WHEREAS an estimated 1% of people in Canada have CD, but the majority of these people are undiagnosed, and

WHEREAS it is important for all British Columbians to be aware that CD is not a rare disease and that, if left untreated, CD can lead to malnutrition, causing anemia, osteoporosis and gastrointestinal cancer, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Celiac Association offers information and support networks for people living with CD in British Columbia and across Canada;

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

“Celiac Disease Awareness Month”

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-ninth day of April, 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