



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 health, safety and well-being of children and youth in British Columbia are vital to ensuring they have the strongest start possible to thrive and succeed, and

WHEREAS parents hold the primary responsibility for a child's health, safety and well-being and provide a foundation of love and support for their children. Parents are not alone as they work to keep their children safe, and

WHEREAS educators, concerned citizens, community organizations, service providers and public officials all have vital roles in protecting our children and supporting families, and

WHEREAS the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in British Columbia is the first priority of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to promoting and developing the capacity of families and communities to care for and protect vulnerable children and youth, and to maximizing the potential of every child in British Columbia by supporting healthy child development, and

WHEREAS by surrounding children with positive relationships and experiences, they are more likely to grow into confident, caring and productive adults, and

WHEREAS every child should have strong, positive attachments with caregivers and other responsible adults who hold high expectations for the child and provide the child with opportunities for meaningful participation in his or her own development, and

WHEREAS all children have the right to be protected from all abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect, and

WHEREAS by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize, and report signs of child abuse, we can help protect our children and youth from abuse and give them the opportunity to achieve healthy, fulfilling and productive lives;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 6, 2018 shall be known as


“Child Abuse Prevention 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 first day of March, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor