



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

WHEREAS parents hold the primary responsibility for a child's health, safety and well-being; provide a foundation of love and support for their children; and are not alone as they work to keep their children safe—educators, concerned citizens, community organizations, service providers and public officials all have vital roles in protecting children and supporting families, and

WHEREAS Indigenous families and communities retain shared responsibility for the upbringing and well-being of their children, and Indigenous children belong to their communities and are entitled to learn about and practise their traditions, customs and languages, and

WHEREAS ensuring the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in this province is the first priority of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and the government of British Columbia is committed to maximizing the potential of every child in British Columbia by supporting healthy child development, and to promoting and developing the capacity of families and communities to care for and to protect vulnerable children and youth, and

WHEREAS children surrounded with positive relationships and experiences are more likely to grow into confident, caring and productive adults, and all children should have strong, positive attachments with caregivers and other responsible adults who hold high expectations for them and provide them with opportunities for meaningful participation in their development, and

WHEREAS by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize and report signs of child abuse, everyone can help protect 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, 2021, 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-fifth day of March, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor