



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 child sexual abuse is a crime and a traumatic, potentially devastating experience for children and youth,  
and

WHEREAS child sexual abuse is a major social problem, with the most conservative research estimates indicating  
approximately 10% of boys and 20% of girls are victimized, and

WHEREAS Indigenous girls and LGBTQ2S+ youth are statistically more likely to suffer from violence, including  
sexual abuse, than other youth, and

WHEREAS child sexual abuse may be associated with a host of personal, social and health problems, including the  
loss of self-esteem, relationship problems, mental health problems, problematic substance use, economic hardship,  
homelessness and suicide, and

WHEREAS harmful consequences of child sexual abuse may be lessened or avoided if children and youth are able to  
disclose their abuse to a trusted person and receive immediate support and treatment when needed, and

WHEREAS community education and clinical services for children, youth and their families, including those services  
provided by sexual abuse intervention programs throughout British Columbia, are critical components of supports and  
services to effectively address this issue;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 11 to 17, 2022, shall be known as

**“Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Week”**

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 seventh day of April, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our  
Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor