



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 BC 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, and

WHEREAS parents 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 are entitled to learn about and practise their traditions, customs and languages, and belong to their communities, and

WHEREAS ensuring the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in BC is the first priority of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and 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 BC by supporting healthy child development, 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 all children have the right to be protected from abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect, and we, by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize and report signs of child abuse, 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 5, 2019 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-ninth day of March, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor