



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 per cent of boys and 20 per cent of girls are victimized, 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
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 8 to 14, 2019 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 twenty-ninth day of March, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our
Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor