



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 mental well-being of British Columbia's children and youth is essential to ensure they are able to thrive and develop to their full potential, and

WHEREAS mental-health challenges supersede all other child health problems in terms of the number of children affected and the degree of impairment caused, and

WHEREAS most mental-health challenges start early in life and can have lifelong impacts if untreated, and

WHEREAS one in eight children and youth experiences mental-health and/or substance-use disorders serious enough to cause significant distress and impair their functioning at home, at school, with peers, and in the community, and

WHEREAS the promotion of mental health, the prevention of mental-health problems, and early intervention are important because children's mental-health challenges may – if not prevented or treated effectively – seriously affect productivity, functioning and quality of life, and persist into adulthood, and

WHEREAS every child has the right to receive the best available mental-health care to promote optimal development and well-being and reduce the impairments associated with mental-health challenges, and

WHEREAS the dedication and commitment of child and youth mental health professionals and other community service providers improve the lives of thousands of children and families in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all citizens, community organizations, service providers, and the government of British Columbia to reduce the burden of suffering resulting from children's mental-health challenges, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is committed to enhancing the mental health of British Columbians of all ages, including children and youth;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 7, 2018 shall be known as


“Child and Youth Mental Health Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

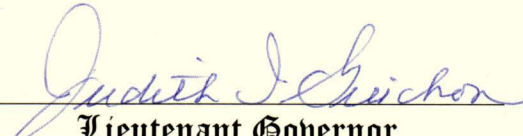
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

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