



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

WHEREAS one in eight children and youth experiences mental-health or substance-use disorders causing significant distress and impaired functioning at home, at school, with peers and in the community, and

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

WHEREAS mental health and many common mental disorders are shaped to a great extent by the social, economic and physical environments in which families live, and

WHEREAS every child has the right to receive the best available mental-health care to promote optimal development and well-being and reduce impairments associated with 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, 2019 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this first day of May, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor