



**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 community social services are vital to the quality of life of all British Columbians, and

WHEREAS community social services in British Columbia include services for children, youth and families; Indigenous peoples and communities; racialized peoples and communities, persons with disabilities and support needs; and individuals and families dealing with mental health and/or substance use issues, and

WHEREAS community social services in British Columbia include services that are related to youth justice, victim service and gender-based violence programs and sexual assault centres; restorative justice; community reintegration; individuals participating in community projects, employment training programs and community rehabilitation programs; as well as early childhood development, child care and early learning, community living, and multicultural, settlement and immigrant supports and services; and more, and

WHEREAS the availability of these supportive services improves the quality of life for everyone, increases community cohesion and makes British Columbia's communities more culturally inclusive, more resilient, safer and more stable, and

WHEREAS greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these services play in British Columbia's communities is needed to ensure their continued accessibility, availability and improvement;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 2021 shall be known as

**“Community Social Services Awareness Month”**

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-fifth day of February, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor