



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 conflict touches everyone and occurs in many forms that can serve as sources of both stress and incentive for positive change, and conflict can often be prevented, managed and resolved through a variety of early resolution practices, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is a pioneer in the development of innovative new approaches to alternative dispute resolution—including stakeholder-specific pathways and safe, accessible online dispute resolution alternatives—and is recognized around the world for improving access to justice for all, including for those who experience barriers and challenges to access, by designing, implementing and promoting innovative, healthy and collaborative pathways to dispute resolution, and

WHEREAS collaborative processes such as mediation, arbitration, adjudication, negotiation, early neutral evaluation and facilitation are a vital part of British Columbia's justice system, offering effective, affordable, timely and accessible processes tailored to the needs and interests of British Columbians, and

WHEREAS British Columbians may access effective early resolution options, including skilled administrative tribunal facilitators and case managers, child protection mediators, family justice counsellors and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of British Columbia (ADRBC) roster mediators, and

WHEREAS it is the aim of the government of British Columbia and the ADRBC to increase awareness of the benefits of healthy resolution of conflict;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 18 to 24, 2021, shall be known as

“Conflict Resolution 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 fourteenth day of October, 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