



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 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is the leading known preventable form of developmental disability in Canada, and individuals with FASD are some of the most vulnerable people in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the profound effects of FASD and is committed to supporting FASD prevention and healthy pregnancies, as well as early diagnosis and assessment of FASD, and intervention and support for children, youth and adults with FASD and their families, and

WHEREAS it is important to promote public awareness of the risks of prenatal exposure to alcohol and to support healthy pregnancies, and

WHEREAS it is important to raise awareness of the impact FASD has on affected individuals and their families and to support them to participate fully in society, and

WHEREAS International FASD Awareness Day will be observed around the world on September 9, 2021, at 9:09 a.m., so that, on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, people will remember that abstaining from alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy should be supported and that understanding and support should always be extended to those living with FASD;

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

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Support Month”

and September 9, 2021, shall be known as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Support 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 nineteenth day of August, 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