



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 healthy pregnancies are vitally important to the health of a population, and

WHEREAS Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is the leading known preventable form of developmental disability in Canada, and

WHEREAS individuals with FASD are some of the most vulnerable residents of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia has recognized the profound effects of FASD and is committed to prevention, as well early diagnosis, assessment, 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 support them to participate fully in societal life, and

WHEREAS people around the world will observe International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2018, at 9:09 a.m., in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, people will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy, abstaining from alcohol should be supported, and that understanding and support should always be extended to those individuals living with FASD;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 9, 2018 shall be known as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Support Day”

and that the month of September 2018, shall be known as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention and Support 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-second day of June, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor