



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 fire is a serious public safety concern, and the government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting British Columbia, and

WHEREAS homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire, and people who have made and practised a home fire escape plan are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire, and

WHEREAS smoke alarms detect smoke well before people can, alerting them to danger when they may only have two minutes to escape safely from a fire, and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half, and

WHEREAS residents should make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all household members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities, and ensure that everyone in the home understands the sounds or signals of the alarms and knows how to respond, and

WHEREAS British Columbians are responsive to public education measures, can take action to increase their safety from fire and carbon monoxide poisoning, and can, by working with the government of British Columbia and the British Columbia fire service, reduce the number of people injured and lead the way in making British Columbia fire safe, and

WHEREAS in 2021, the Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” serves as a reminder to learn the different sounds of and to test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and British Columbians are urged to support the many public safety activities and efforts of British Columbia’s fire and emergency services;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 3 to 9, 2021, shall be known as

“Fire Prevention 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 sixteenth day of September, 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