



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 Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) are rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves, which can be characterized by rapid onset of weakness and, often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face, and

WHEREAS the cause of GBS and CIDP is unknown, and these disorders can develop in any person, regardless of age, gender or ethnic background, and

WHEREAS GBS and CIDP have unpredictable lengths of illness, and patients with GBS or CIDP and their families face an uncertain future, usually requiring months of hospital care without knowing if or when they will recover or whether they will face long-term disabilities, and

WHEREAS GBS and CIDP Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate the public and to focus attention on people living with GBS and CIDP;

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

**“GBS and CIDP 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-ninth day of April, 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