



**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 Gastro Intestinal Stromal Tumour (GIST) is a rare condition that can occur anywhere along the gastro intestinal tract, and

WHEREAS GIST can occur silently and gradually, undetected, and

WHEREAS GIST is diagnosed in about 500 people per year in Canada, and

WHEREAS delayed diagnosis and treatment of GIST are associated with worse outcomes, and

WHEREAS timely diagnosis and treatment reduce complications and improve the patient's prognosis and quality of life, and

WHEREAS safe and effective drug therapy is available for GIST, and

WHEREAS GIST Sarcoma Life Raft Group Canada is dedicated to promoting awareness and education about GIST, supporting patients and caregivers, and supporting research, and

WHEREAS health care professionals and all British Columbians need to be better informed about GIST;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 13, 2018 shall be known as

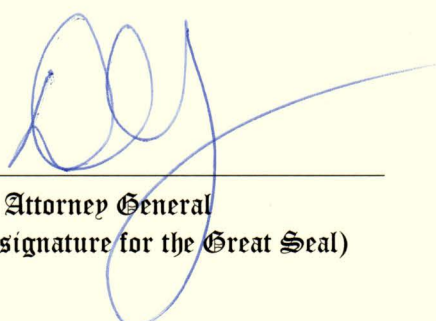
**“GIST Awareness Day”**

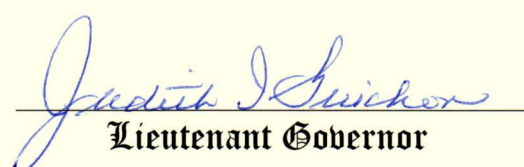
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-sixth day of January, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor