



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 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement, which began with the first International Special Olympics Games held in July, 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics' vision for a more inclusive world has grown over 50 years to become a global movement for change and social justice that uses sport, health and education to empower people with and without intellectual disabilities around the world, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics is the global leader – with more than five million participants in more than 170 countries – in providing continuing opportunities through sports for people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics help them to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics builds communities of understanding, inclusion and respect, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics' goal for the next 50 years is to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities, and

WHEREAS Special Olympics calls for people around the world to commit to making their communities more inclusive by joining in a "Global Day of Inclusion" on July 21, 2018, and

WHEREAS the goal of Special Olympics BC is to provide individuals with an intellectual disability the opportunity to enhance their life and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences at all level, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia recognizes the value of inclusive, accessible and positive sport experiences for persons with intellectual disabilities through its support of Special Olympic BC and community chapters, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia recognizes and applauds Special Olympics for 50 years of building a more inclusive world and empowering people with and without intellectual disabilities. The province and Special Olympics BC encourages British Columbians of all ages to join in their local Special Olympics organizations' activities on this day of celebration and unity, and

WHEREAS the province and Special Olympics BC wishes to join others around the world in promoting opportunities for people of all abilities, backgrounds and cultures;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 21, 2018 shall be known as

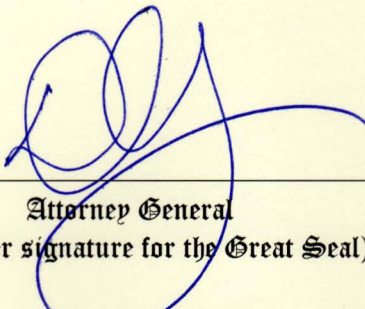
"Global Day of Inclusion"

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