



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 homelessness is impacting people in every part of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS we must take swift action to address the root causes of homelessness and to help those without homes, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia has released TogetherBC, British Columbia's first Poverty Reduction Strategy, which includes new policies and investments designed to break the cycle of poverty and build a better province for everyone, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is moving forward with significant housing investments to provide homes for those without them, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Homelessness Action Plan, the Government of British Columbia has established the Office of Homelessness Coordination to move beyond reactive emergency responses to homelessness towards a coordinated, effective approach that prevents people from becoming homeless in the first place, and

WHEREAS effective action to reduce homelessness and promote social inclusion requires all levels of government to work with individuals, non-profit organizations, community groups and private sector representatives to find solutions, and

WHEREAS together we can bring down barriers that hold people back, and deliver supports that lift people up, making our communities better and more inclusive for everyone;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 13 to 19, 2019, shall be known as

“Homelessness Action 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 fourth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor