



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS homelessness impacts people in every part of British Columbia, and immediate action is needed to help people without adequate shelter, to create access to housing for all and to prevent homelessness before it occurs, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is moving forward with major investments in housing, integrated health and social supports to encourage housing stability; new data-driven insights to strengthen data- and evidence-informed policy; as well as encampment responses to better meet the needs of vulnerable people, to address the systemic factors that cause homelessness and to encourage the rapid creation of more long-term housing for people, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, through the creation of the Ministry of Housing, has taken steps to support low-income renters and tenants who are struggling to maintain their homes through additional funding to support community-based rent banks, through restrictions on the short-term rental market, through a one-time rent grant for seniors, and through reforms to the rent supplement program for elderly low-income renters, in addition to the new BC Renter's Tax Credit and the preservation of affordable rental homes through the new Rental Protection Fund, and

WHEREAS effective action to reduce homelessness and promote social inclusion requires all levels of government to work with people with lived experience, non-profit organizations, Indigenous Peoples, community groups that serve people with distinct needs, private sector representatives and others to find solutions that will bring down barriers that hold people back, to deliver supports that lift people up, and to make British Columbian communities better and more inclusive for everyone;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 13 to 19, 2024, shall be known as

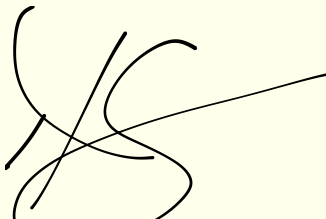
“Homelessness Action Week”

in the Province of British Columbia.

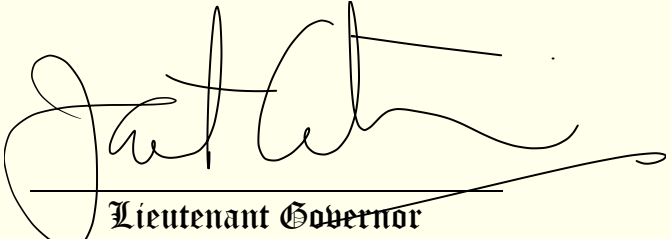
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-third day of August, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General



Lieutenant Governor