



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 impacts people in every part of British Columbia, and swift action is needed to address the root causes of homelessness and to help those without homes, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is moving forward with plans and actions—including Homes for B.C.: A 30-Point Plan for Housing Affordability in British Columbia; A Pathway to Hope: A roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people in British Columbia; and TogetherBC: British Columbia’s Poverty Reduction Strategy—to alter systemic factors that may lead to and affect homelessness, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is developing a homelessness strategy that moves beyond reactive emergency responses to homelessness towards a coordinated, effective approach that prevents people from becoming homeless in the first place and ensures they have the supports they need to become and remain stably housed, and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic, the opioid overdose crisis and systemic racism, in addition to homelessness, have highlighted the need to address the disproportionate impacts these issues have on disadvantaged and marginalized communities, and

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

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 10 to 16, 2021, 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-ninth day of July, 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