



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 inclusive communities are a vital part of making British Columbia a better place for people with disabilities, and the government of British Columbia is committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding, where Indigenous persons living with disabilities are respected and their significant contributions are celebrated and valued, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities—including equality of opportunity and full and effective participation and inclusion in society—and the United Nations recommendation to the Government of Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS Indigenous persons (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) living with disabilities in British Columbia face unique barriers that impact their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available in this province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to join urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families, and all British Columbians in recognizing and celebrating their important and diverse contributions to British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action* and will be reviewing policies, programs and legislation to determine how to bring these into action in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 2021 shall be known as

**“Indigenous Disability Awareness Month”**

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-first day of October, 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