



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 First Nations, Métis and Inuit nurses have been strong advocates and change agents to advance health equity, create culturally safe care environments for Indigenous Peoples and eradicate Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination in the provincial health care system, and

WHEREAS generations of First Nations, Métis and Inuit nurses have advanced Indigenous health in distinct and prominent roles, anchored in world views that acknowledge holistic health and wellness and interconnectedness with the land and with one another, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia celebrates and honours Indigenous nurses for their contributions to supporting the safety, health and well-being of all people in British Columbia, and is committed to ensuring that Indigenous nurses have appropriate and culturally safe professional supports, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia has committed through the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* to fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, and the recommendations outlined in *In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care*, and

WHEREAS Indigenous Nurses Day is an opportunity for the government of British Columbia and health system partners to recommit to taking action to address anti-Indigenous racism and creating substantive equity in health care experiences for Indigenous people and all people in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 10, 2024, shall be known as

“Indigenous Nurses Day”

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-fifth day of March, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor