



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 Celiac Disease (CD) is an autoimmune disorder whereby the intestinal lining is damaged by gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley. CD occurs when gluten triggers an immune system reaction that damages the small intestine, thus impairing absorption of nutrients required to stay healthy, and

WHEREAS it is estimated that about 276,000 people in Canada have CD but the majority of these people are not diagnosed. British Columbians need to be better informed that Celiac Disease is not a rare disease, and

WHEREAS research from Canada has shown that the average time from symptom onset to diagnosis of CD in adults averages close to 12 years, and

WHEREAS all British Columbians need to be aware that untreated, CD can lead to malnutrition, causing anemia, osteoporosis and gastrointestinal cancer, and

WHEREAS the vision of the Canadian Celiac Association is: Find. Treat. Cure;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 16, 2018 shall be known as


“International Celiac Disease Awareness 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 ninth day of May, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor