



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 gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley, triggers an immune system reaction that damages the lining of the small intestine, thus impairing absorption of nutrients required to stay healthy, and

WHEREAS it is estimated that 276 000 people in Canada have CD, the majority of whom are not diagnosed—British Columbians need to be better informed that CD 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 is 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, 2019 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 first day of May, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor