



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 deaf Canadians are represented by their national organization, the Canadian Association of the Deaf-Association des Sourds du Canada, which is a member of the World Federation of the Deaf, and

WHEREAS the United Nations resolution to declare September 23 as the International Day of Sign Languages was officially adopted at the 72nd General Assembly on December 19, 2017, and

WHEREAS the International Day of Sign Languages will take place on September 23, 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf, which is celebrated from September 24 to 30, 2018. The theme for this year, as promoted by the World Federation of the Deaf, is “With Sign Language, Everyone is Included”, and

WHEREAS local deaf communities wish to encourage British Columbians to participate in activities promoting deaf cultural awareness and human rights of deaf people throughout the world, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia has stated its vision and commitment to make our society a truly accessible and inclusive one by recognizing the value and contributions that people with disabilities and deaf persons make to our workplaces, communities and economy;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 23, 2018 shall be known as

“International Day of Sign Languages”

and September 24 to 30, 2018 shall be known as

“International Week of the Deaf”

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 September, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor