



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 be celebrated as part of the International Week of the Deaf People, from September 20 to 26, 2021, and this year's theme, as promoted by the World Federation of the Deaf, is "Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities," 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 is committed to making British Columbian society a truly accessible and inclusive one by recognizing the valuable contributions that people with disabilities and deaf persons make to the province's workplaces, communities and economy;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 20 to 26, 2021, shall be known as

"International Week of the Deaf People"

and September 23, 2021, shall be known as

"International Day of Sign Languages"

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 September, 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