



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 in British Columbia, registered midwives are highly trained, educated and regulated professionals who are committed to the health and well-being of pregnant people, infants and families; who are experts in healthy pregnancy, birth and post-natal care; who provide assessment, monitoring and care for pregnant people; and who enable options for labour, in hospital and at home, and delivery of healthy newborns, and

WHEREAS as members of the primary care team, midwives not only are well positioned to address the challenge of bringing birth closer to home, for families living in rural and remote communities, but also have an increasingly important role in strengthening the health care system and are integral to the establishment of team-based primary health care networks in urban and rural communities, and

WHEREAS International Day of the Midwife was first celebrated on May 5, 1992, and is now observed in more than 50 countries around the world, including Canada, and

WHEREAS midwives improve pregnancy and child health outcomes, and the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Bank agree that midwives are essential to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals to reduce maternal and newborn mortality, and

WHEREAS Midwives Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the work of midwives in providing safe and quality maternity care for pregnant people and families across British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 5, 2021, shall be known as

“Midwives 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-ninth day of April, 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