



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 mental health starts where we all live, work, learn and play, and

WHEREAS all people have an equal right to mental health and wellness, to have their mental health given the same priority as their physical health, and to live free from discrimination and stigma, and

WHEREAS as British Columbia is experiencing a devastating overdose crisis, at least 84,000 children and youth in BC experience mental health problems at any given time, and 20 per cent of adults in BC experience mental health and/or substance use problems each year, and

WHEREAS failing to adequately support mental health and well-being has serious and negative consequences on the dignity, inclusion, and security of people directly impacted, and

WHEREAS 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Mental Health Association, which serves over 100,000 people throughout BC each year, in striving to achieve mental health for all, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Mental Health Association in BC calls for the public to become informed about mental health and to focus collective efforts on the prevention of mental health and/or substance use problems, and

WHEREAS government, Indigenous leadership, health authorities, business, labour and community organizations have a shared opportunity to improve the lives and health of people living in BC by ensuring that mental health and substance use services are given the same priority as physical health services, and

WHEREAS National Mental Health Week provides a unique opportunity to affirm our shared commitment to building public awareness of the effects of mental health and substance use-related problems and the importance of ensuring access to high-quality, accessible, equitable, timely and recovery-oriented supports, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia stands alongside community groups across the province to recognize the importance of mental health;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 7 to 13, 2018 shall be known as

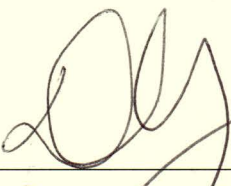
“Mental Health Week”

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirteenth day of April, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)


Lieutenant Governor