



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 neighbourhood houses across British Columbia help create vibrant, welcoming and inclusive communities for people from all walks of life by bringing them together to make the connections they seek, find the services they need and discover the gifts they have to share, and

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses offer important community spaces, have dedicated staff and volunteers, and provide a wide range of resources for people who may be facing obstacles or new challenges or who want to build long-standing relationships in their community, and

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses' innovative and traditional approaches to strengthening communities are evidenced by the diverse set of services that they offer, including childcare, employment, immigration and settlement programs, social housing, seniors' services, food security, neighbourhood small grants, youth opportunities, local arts engagement and inspired community development efforts, and

WHEREAS the collective positive impact of this work has a tremendous beneficial influence in the lives of British Columbians and in the health, well-being and resilience of communities, and

WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, British Columbia's neighbourhood houses have adjusted their services in order to continue to provide supports and maintain social connections to the thousands of British Columbians that they serve;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 2 to 8, 2021, shall be known as

“Neighbourhood House 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first 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