



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 the government of British Columbia is committed to lasting and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in the province and supports reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples across Canada and the world, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the intergenerational trauma caused by the residential school system resulting in the lasting physical, mental, emotional, sexual and spiritual harms up to and including the loss of life that continues to this day, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia strives to educate British Columbians on the ongoing legacy of the residential school system and recognizes the need to increase understanding for those survivors and intergenerational survivors who have been, and continue to be, impacted by this legacy, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia affirms that “Every Child Matters,” and Orange Shirt Day symbolizes a collective effort to end racism, violence and bullying and to support the safety and self-esteem of all children, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia encourages British Columbians to wear an orange shirt to honour residential school survivors and their families, to keep in memory all those who did not survive, and to continue to work together towards reconciliation;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 30, 2021, shall be known as

“Orange Shirt 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 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