



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 true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia strives to educate British Columbians on the ongoing legacy of the residential school system, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia acknowledges the intergenerational trauma and loss of life caused by the residential school system, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes the need to increase understanding for those survivors and intergenerational survivors who have been, and continue to be, impacted by the residential school system, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia affirms that “Every Child Matters” and that “Orange Shirt Day” symbolizes support for the safety and self-esteem of Indigenous children, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to the prevention of racism, violence and bullying, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia encourages British Columbians to wear an orange shirt to honour all those who have been impacted by the residential school system and to continue to work together towards reconciliation;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 30, 2019 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 nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor