



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 Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) is a potentially debilitating condition that occurs when an infection triggers a misdirected immune response resulting in brain inflammation, with the child quickly exhibiting certain neurological and psychiatric symptoms, and

WHEREAS PANDAS is a clinical diagnosis and a diagnosis of exclusion, and

WHEREAS the prevalence of PANDAS is unknown at this time, and

WHEREAS the diagnosis of PANDAS can be overlooked if no investigation is undertaken into the possibility that there could be an underlying medical cause for the neurological and psychiatric symptoms, and

WHEREAS diagnostic evaluation guidelines for PANDAS were published in 2013, and

WHEREAS treatment guidelines for PANDAS were published in 2017 with a three-pronged treatment approach: psychiatric and behavioural interventions; treatment and prevention of infections; and anti-inflammatory/suppression of immune response, and

WHEREAS more awareness of PANDAS is needed, leading to early diagnosis and appropriate treatment interventions which provide best chances for recovery;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 9, 2018 shall be known as

**“Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with
Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) Awareness 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-first day of September, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor