



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 Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS), which includes as a subset 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, including tics; sleep disturbances; deterioration in memory and learning; developmental regression; urinary frequency; severely restricted food intake; obsessions; compulsions; anxiety; and aggression, and

WHEREAS PANS is diagnosed clinically, based on the observation of certain signs and symptoms and a thorough review of the patient's medical and family history and by ruling out other medical conditions, and

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

WHEREAS the diagnosis of PANS 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 the First PANS Consensus Conference held at Stanford University in 2013 developed PANS diagnostic evaluation guidelines, and these were published in 2015, and

WHEREAS in 2017, the PANS/PANDAS Research Consortium published PANS treatment guidelines with a three-pronged treatment approach: (1) psychiatric and behavioural interventions; (2) treatment and prevention of infections; (3) anti-inflammatory/suppression of immune response, and

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

WHEREAS more information about PANS is available from the Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies at <https://aspire.care>;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 9, 2019 shall be known as

“Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) 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 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