



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 Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, is a rare genetic condition caused by a deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene, and

WHEREAS individuals, parents and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and information exchange, and

WHEREAS, although the range and severity of symptoms may vary, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally characterized by intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays and epilepsy, and

WHEREAS Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness Day offers an opportunity for individuals, parents and advocacy groups to raise awareness and promote education that will help inform citizens about this rare disease;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 22, 2019, shall be known as


“Phelan-McDermid Syndrome 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 October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor