



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 technology is one of the fastest growing sectors in British Columbia, with technology and technology-enabled businesses representing an integral part of the provincial economy, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's technology sector provides high-paying jobs with average annual earnings 76% higher than the average industrial wage in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS access to skilled talent is rated the number one challenge by British Columbia's technology companies, and

WHEREAS in British Columbia, women make up 18% of the workforce in the technology sector, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to fostering and celebrating the importance of women and girls participating in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design, and Math (STEAM) industries, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to attracting more women and girls into STEAM careers, which will contribute to solving the issue of access to skilled talent afflicting British Columbia's technology companies;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 1 to 7, 2021, shall be known as

**“Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art and Design, and Math (STEAM) Week”**

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-eighth day of October, 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