



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 it is desirable that workers, employees and the community at large observe the highest standards of worker safety, public safety and infrastructure protection in ground disturbance, and

WHEREAS it is imperative that workers, employees and the community at large realize the resulting damage to buried infrastructure can result in disruption to emergency services, water and sewer conductivity, telecommunications, electric power, cable television, flow and supply of liquid petroleum and natural gas and the causation of vital outages for homes, businesses, financial institutions, hospitals, air traffic control and work stoppages, and

WHEREAS the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance, a multifaceted stakeholder group supporting safety, consistent practice and awareness in underground disturbance, together with the Government of British Columbia and its agencies, promote the open communication of occupational health and safety information among workers, employees and the community at large;

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

**“Safe Digging Month”**


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-second day of February, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor