



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 social work enhances the worth, self-determination and well-being of individuals, families and communities by promoting social and economic justice, and respect for diversity, and

WHEREAS social work is a multi-faceted profession, involving direct services to individuals, families, groups and communities—including children and youth, seniors, people with physical and mental health concerns, and disadvantaged members of society—as well as policy and research work to improve social programs, and

WHEREAS social workers play a vital role in helping individuals build on their strengths, overcome challenges and achieve their goals and aspirations, and

WHEREAS social workers are committed to leading systemic reform in keeping with the profession's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, and

WHEREAS the dedication and commitment of social work professionals touches the lives of thousands of British Columbian families, and

WHEREAS social workers deserve to know that they are respected and honoured for their judgment in making life-changing and difficult decisions to support vulnerable children, youth and adults;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 13 to 19, 2022, shall be known as

**“Social Work 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 tenth day of March, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor