



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 major trauma (injury) is the principal cause of death for people under age 45 in Canada, and

WHEREAS, of the 400 000 British Columbians injured each year, about 1 800 die, 9 000 suffer permanent disability and 27 000 are hospitalized, and an estimated 41 000 potential years of life are lost, and

WHEREAS the yearly cost of injury exceeds \$2.8 billion in BC and is close to \$19.8 billion nationally, and

WHEREAS falls and motor vehicle-related injuries are the main causes of moderate-to-severe injury hospitalizations in BC, and

WHEREAS the mission of Trauma Services BC, a program of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is to ensure the optimal performance of BC's trauma system, and its long-term vision is for an integrated system of injury care, control and prevention strategies that results in BC having the lowest burden of injury in North America, and

WHEREAS all British Columbians have an equal right to education on and awareness of injury care, control and prevention strategies, and

WHEREAS International Trauma Survivors Day on October 17 provides an opportunity to consider the impact, prevention and treatment of traumatic injuries and deaths, and

WHEREAS Trauma Survivors Day provides an opportunity to build public awareness of the impacts of traumatic injury, to educate on prevention strategies and to recognize individuals and their families who have survived a traumatic injury and may be living with the physical and mental impacts;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 17, 2019, shall be known as

“Trauma Survivors 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 fourth 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