



**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 the issue of protection for our children against harm from meningococcal disease, which can cause meningitis and kill or permanently disable an otherwise healthy child in just a single day, is paramount in the hopes of all people, and

WHEREAS April 24 of each and every year has been set aside by the Confederation of Meningitis Organizations to unite with 79 member organizations in 37 countries worldwide to celebrate the eleventh World Meningitis Day: a day to reflect upon and honour the many children, adolescents and young adults who have lost their lives or have become permanently disabled due to meningitis, and

WHEREAS MeningitisBC.org is recognized for its efforts to raise the global profile of meningitis and for its efforts to heighten awareness of the importance of vaccination with students and their parents, and

WHEREAS there is growing support within our community for the recognition of World Meningitis Day, which promotes the important role of vaccinations in preventing the most deadly and most devastating forms of the disease, and

WHEREAS we value the importance of the global community working together to make meningitis a disease people know about, where all citizens work towards vaccine prevention and in doing so foster the best possible safeguards against the disease for our infants, young children, adolescents and young adults;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 24, 2019 shall be known as


**“World Meningitis 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 fifteenth day of April, 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