



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 in December 2011, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day, and

WHEREAS approximately 1 in every 750 babies born in Canada today has Down syndrome, and an estimated 45 000 Canadians are living with Down syndrome, and

WHEREAS research and early intervention have dramatically improved the life span and potential of those who are affected by Down syndrome, but more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome, and

WHEREAS possessing a wide range of abilities, people with Down syndrome are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational activities in British Columbia's communities, and

WHEREAS people with Down syndrome have tremendous potential to live full and fulfilling lives as contributing members of the community, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia values people with Down syndrome and their families, and supports the well-being of all individuals with Down syndrome and their ability to function as fully accepted members of society;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 21, 2021, shall be known as

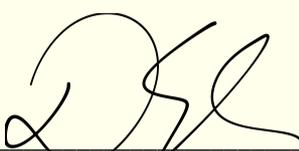
“World Down Syndrome Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

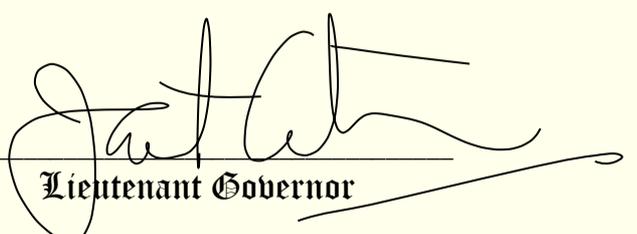
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eleventh day of February, 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