



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 lymphedema is an incurable condition that has financial, physical and psychological impacts on people of all ages and genders worldwide, including people in Canada, and

WHEREAS lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs or other areas of the body, which can cause disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort, pain and distress, and

WHEREAS gaps in research, education and effective treatments exist, and more knowledge about lymphedema is needed to achieve timely diagnosis, management and care and to develop more effective treatments, and

WHEREAS the mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this distressing disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with lymphedema through education, advocacy and support for all people in British Columbia living with lymphedema and for their families and caregivers, and

WHEREAS the first specialized program for lymphedema in British Columbia opened in January 2020 at the Vancouver General Hospital, and

WHEREAS March 6 is observed globally as World Lymphedema Day to increase public attention, awareness and action related to this serious, chronic and progressive disease, and is a time when communities throughout Canada and across the world demonstrate their support for people living with lymphedema and lymphatic diseases by honouring them and their families and caregivers who provide love and encouragement;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 6, 2021, shall be known as


**“World Lymphedema Day”**

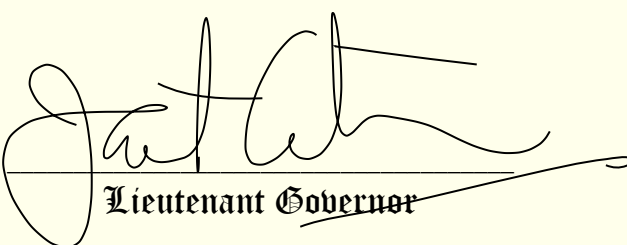
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 twenty-fifth day of February, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

  
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Lieutenant Governor