



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 sepsis is a health condition that can result in shock, multiple organ failure and death if not recognized early and treated effectively, and is recognized as a global health priority by the World Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, and

WHEREAS the British Columbia Ministry of Health, the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council and all provincial health authorities support the implementation of the BC Sepsis Guidelines to provide high-quality care, diagnosis and treatment for patients presenting to emergency departments and in-patient wards in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council provides clinical leadership and quality improvement support for sepsis care throughout the province, including by leading the BC Sepsis Network, and collaborates with all health authorities to promote data-driven improvement by providing emergency departments and in-patient wards with access to process and outcomes measures for early identification and treatment of sepsis, and

WHEREAS the BC Sepsis Network—an expanding group of point-of-care clinicians committed to improving sepsis care throughout hospitals in British Columbia through a model of distributed leadership—promotes World Sepsis Day in collaboration with the Action on Sepsis Research Excellence Cluster and Sepsis Canada to increase sepsis knowledge and public awareness for this poorly acknowledged health care problem, and

WHEREAS the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council, along with the BC Sepsis Network, supports educational activities, raises awareness, spreads improvement strategies and supports the uptake of the BC Sepsis Guidelines and other resources through online and in-person activities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 13, 2021, shall be known as

**“World Sepsis 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 fifth day of August, 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