



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 community social services are vital to the quality of life of all British Columbians, and

WHEREAS community social services in British Columbia include services for children, youth and families; Aboriginal peoples and communities; persons with disabilities and special needs; individuals and families dealing with mental health and/or substance use issues; those involved with youth justice services, victim service programs and violence against women programs; women and their families in transition houses or sexual assault centres; individuals involved in community projects, employment training programs and community rehabilitation services programs; as well as early childhood development, child care and early learning, community living, multicultural, settlement and immigrant supports and services; and more, and

WHEREAS the availability of these supportive services improves the quality of life for everyone, increases participation in our communities and makes them culturally responsive, stronger and more stable, and

WHEREAS greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these services play in our communities is needed to ensure their continued accessibility, availability and improvement;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 2018 shall be known as


**“Community Social Services Awareness Month”**

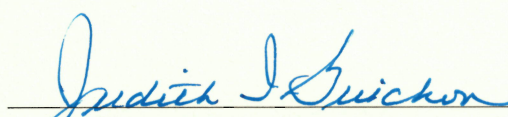
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this sixteenth day of February, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor