



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 throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognized, and

WHEREAS World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action which recognizes the significance of elder abuse as a social issue, and

WHEREAS a better understanding of abuse and neglect will support the development of awareness into action, and

WHEREAS seniors are a diverse population within a society that supports its members throughout the life continuum, and recognizes individual rights to dignity, respect, autonomy and choice, and

WHEREAS citizens, community organizations and public officials all have vital roles in working together and sharing information on how to prevent and recognize signs of abuse or neglect, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring that seniors are valued within safe communities and to supporting their contributions to a vibrant province, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 15, 2013, shall be known as

**“World Elder Abuse Awareness 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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eleventh day of June, two thousand thirteen and in the sixty-second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor