



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 the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships, and

WHEREAS restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure, and

WHEREAS the government recognizes the value that restorative justice provides our province in building safer communities, and

WHEREAS many communities in British Columbia have embraced restorative justice approaches to address the harm caused by crime, violence and victimization, and

WHEREAS this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Inspiring Innovation", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 20 to 27, 2016, shall be known as

"Restorative Justice Week"

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 twenty-sixth day of October, two thousand sixteen and in the sixty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor