



Canada  
Province of British Columbia  
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada  
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS abuse and neglect of older persons is an issue of concern throughout the world, and

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

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

WHEREAS individuals, community organizations and public officials must work together and share information on how to recognize signs of and how to prevent abuse or neglect of older persons, and

WHEREAS seniors are as diverse a population as the rest of society, with the same individual rights to dignity, respect, autonomy and choice and to being supported through each stage of life, 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;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 15, 2024, 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirtieth day of May, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor