



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 government is committed to taking action to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth,
and

WHEREAS it is important to raise public awareness about the sexual exploitation of children and youth because
it is a growing problem in communities throughout British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the sexual exploitation of children and youth through prostitution, pornography, the exchange of
drugs, alcohol, transportation or shelter is sexual abuse, which has a serious adverse impact on victims, their
families and our communities, and

WHEREAS it is a serious offence under the Criminal Code of Canada to recruit, procure, buy or communicate
to buy the sexual services of a person under the age of 18, and

WHEREAS local and provincial prevention, education, social intervention and enforcement strategies that fight
child and youth sexual exploitation and provide greater protection to children and youth at risk of exploitation
must be developed and implemented in British Columbia's communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 6 to 12, 2017, shall be
known as

“Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness 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 fourteenth day of February, two thousand seventeen and in the sixty-sixth
year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor