



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 violence against women has serious adverse physical, psychological, sexual, financial, cultural, and spiritual impacts on women, and

WHEREAS violence against women has serious consequences for the health and well-being of children, families and communities, and

WHEREAS women must know that they are not alone and that information and support is available to help prevent and address violence against them, and

WHEREAS women have the right to feel safe and live free from violence, to reach their full potential and to contribute fully to their family and their society, and

WHEREAS the right to security of person and equality is fundamental to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of British Columbia is committed to stopping violence against women and believes that we must all take a stand together to end violence against women;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 16 to 22, 2017, shall be known as

“Prevention of Violence Against Women 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 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