



Canada  
Province of British Columbia  
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,  
Canada and His other Realms and Territories, King, 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 are available to help prevent and address violence against them, and

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

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

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

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 16 to 22, 2023, 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 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 fourth day of April, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor