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 restorative justice offers a philosophy and an approach to crime and conflict that view these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships, and

WHEREAS the restorative justice approach strives to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation of, 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 the restorative justice approach to address the harm caused by crime, violence and victimization, and

WHEREAS this year’s theme for Restorative Justice Week is “Inspiring Innovation”, and the week is an opportunity for communities across the country to learn about restorative justice, to educate others on the subject, and to celebrate restorative justice;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 17 to 24, 2019, 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-eighth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.