
Lieutenant Governor

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 mental illnesses supersede all other child health problems in terms of number of children affected and degree of impairment caused, and

WHEREAS one in seven children and youth experience mental disorders serious enough to cause significant distress and impair their functioning at home, at school, with peers, and in the community, and

WHEREAS prevention and early intervention are important because children's mental health problems may, if not treated effectively, persist into adulthood seriously affecting productivity and functioning, and

WHEREAS every child has the right to receive the best available mental health care to reduce the impairments associated with mental illness and to promote optimal development and wellbeing, and

WHEREAS the dedication and commitment of child and youth mental health professionals improves the lives of thousands of British Columbia children and families, and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all citizens and the government of British Columbia to reduce the burden of suffering resulting from children's mental illness, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is committed to enhancing the mental health of children and youth throughout the province through continued implementation of evidence-based children's mental health services that include promotion, prevention, and treatment of mental health problems, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 7th, 2008, shall be known as

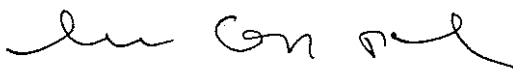
"Child and Youth Mental Health Day"

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 to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS The Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-fourth day of April, two thousand eight and in the fifty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTICULTURALISM