

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 Community Inclusion Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout British Columbia, and

WHEREAS in 2010, Canada ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which includes Article 19 – Living independently and being included in the community, and

WHEREAS in 2018, the government of British Columbia introduced the Re-imagining Community Inclusion Initiative, which envisions a pathway forward through inclusive housing, employment, health and well-being, and self-determined Indigenous strategies, and

WHEREAS a thriving community requires the inclusion and participation of all its members, and the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of society enables all people to share their skills, talents and cultures, and to secure their rightful place at home, at work, at school and in the community, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to enhancing inclusion and ensuring that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities can participate fully in society;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2022 shall be known as

"Community Inclusion Month"

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 Geoffrey Gaul, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-sixth day of September, two thousand twenty-two and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attornes General and Minister Responsible for Housing (counter signature for the Great Seal)

Administrator