



**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 eating disorders can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethno-racial background, socioeconomic status, gender or ability, and

WHEREAS Eating Disorders Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention and early intervention, and

WHEREAS the Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Week (PEDAW) campaign launches annually in February with events and activities taking place throughout the year, and

WHEREAS PEDAW is a province-wide effort to promote media literacy and the building of healthy body images, resiliency and self-esteem, and

WHEREAS PEDAW is led by Jessie's Legacy Eating Disorders Prevention and Awareness program at Family Services of the North Shore in collaboration with Keltly Mental Health Resource Centre, the Looking Glass Foundation for Eating Disorders, the Provincial Tertiary Eating Disorders Program at St. Paul's Hospital and the BC Children's Hospital Eating Disorders Program;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 1 to 7, 2023, shall be known as

**“Eating Disorders Awareness 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 nineteenth day of January, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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Attorney General

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Lieutenant Governor