



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 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a medical neurobiological disorder and the most common childhood mental health condition worldwide, affecting 1 to 2 children in every British Columbia classroom, and 4 out of every 100 employees in the province, and

WHEREAS ADHD remains misunderstood while more than one million Canadians of both genders are affected by this complex, multifaceted, often life-long disorder, and

WHEREAS Individuals with ADHD suffer from impairment with attention regulation and possibly increased levels of activity and impulsivity, resulting in difficulties in academic, workplace and home settings, affecting their ability to fulfill their potential, and

WHEREAS ADHD impacts the attainment of social capital due to a 3-fold increase in risk of not completing high school and fewer years of post-secondary education; a 2-fold increased risk of injuries; a 2 to 4-fold risk of motor vehicle accidents; an increased risk of teen pregnancy; and a decreased likelihood of full-time employment, resulting in lower household income, and

WHEREAS 90% of adults remain untreated due to a lack of both awareness and a sufficient number of knowledgeable health care professionals across Canada. This results in needless suffering, unnecessary socioeconomic impacts, and unfair stigmatization of children and adults across the country, and

WHEREAS with the proper multimodal treatments and support, children and adults with ADHD can reach their potential and be productive members of society. Without these treatments and supports, individuals, their families, the healthcare, education, social and justice systems, and Canadian and British Columbian society as a whole pay a substantial human and economic cost, and

WHEREAS there is a need for increased understanding and awareness of ADHD for individuals, families, educators and health care practitioners;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that the month of October 2014, shall be known as

“ADHD Awareness 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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this tenth day of October, two thousand fourteen and in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Minister of Justice
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor