



**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 Community Inclusion Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout British Columbia, and this year it will focus attention on inclusive housing and the importance of supporting inclusion of all British Columbians, and

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

WHEREAS inclusive housing builds strong, supportive, accessible and more resilient communities where everyone belongs, feels valued and has the chance to contribute, and

WHEREAS many people with developmental disabilities face barriers like poverty and isolation and have trouble finding housing that is safe, affordable and accessible, and

WHEREAS inclusive housing must consider the unique needs of all people to be truly inclusive, and

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

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2020 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first day of September, two thousand twenty and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor