



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada  
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS inclusion means equity in society for everybody to have opportunities, choice and control in their own lives to participate and thrive in community, 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, Article 25 - Health, Article 27 - Work and employment and Article 30 - Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport, and

WHEREAS the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society enables everyone to share their skills, talents and cultures and to secure their rightful place at home, at work, at school and in their community, and

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

WHEREAS Community Inclusion Month is an opportunity to celebrate people with lived experience of disability, to highlight the progress made for disability inclusion in British Columbia and to raise awareness about the ongoing efforts needed to ensure an inclusive future for all;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2023 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-eighth day of September, two thousand twenty-three and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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Attorney General

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Lieutenant Governor