



**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 child care is a vital community service that supports healthy families and a strong economy; and child care providers and early childhood educators are essential to providing quality and safe child care, and

WHEREAS quality early care and learning programs honour and celebrate children’s cultural identity and language, and contribute to children’s healthy development and learning, and

WHEREAS child care providers, parents, all levels of government, businesses, community associations, Indigenous communities and all people in British Columbia share a commitment to ensure that quality child care is affordable and inclusive for families, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia supports and promotes the delivery of high-quality, culturally relevant early care and learning options to ensure programs and services are available to support and protect the province’s most vulnerable children and families, and

WHEREAS many individuals, organizations and municipalities throughout British Columbia have, since 1982, organized events in celebration of Child Care Month and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 2023 shall be known as

**“Child Care Month”**

and May 12, 2023, shall be known as

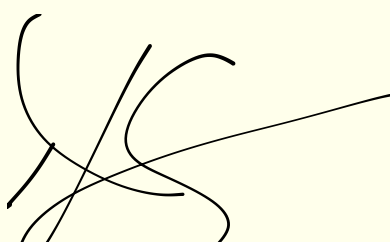
**“Child Care Provider Appreciation Day”**

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 fourth day of May, 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