



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 concussion—a significant health concern affecting British Columbians of all ages—can occur in diverse settings and as a result of different causes, including from a fall, a collision involving a vehicle, a blunt object injury, a workplace injury, a sport-related activity, intimate personal violence, physical abuse or violent crime, and

WHEREAS concussions can have serious impacts on the health and future well-being of children and youth, who are at higher risk of experiencing concussions from sport and recreational activities, generally take longer to recover and may acquire injuries that can temporarily or sometimes even permanently impact physical, mental or social functioning, and

WHEREAS early recognition of concussion symptoms is critical to ensure that the injured person receives timely medical treatment and management, including appropriate return to activity afterwards for sport, recreation or learning at school, and

WHEREAS appropriate and timely concussion management is crucial for recovery and personal safety, particularly for children and youth, and there is considerable risk that, unless appropriate time is taken to recover from a concussion, serious injury, disability or death could occur, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport collaborate with multi-sector partners and other levels of government across Canada to recognize the annual National Concussion Awareness Week, in order to raise public awareness on how to prevent, recognize and manage concussions, including by promoting the use of the free online Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT);

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 24 to 30, 2023, shall be known as

“Concussion 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 twenty-second day of September, two thousand twenty-three and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor