



Lieutenant Governor

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 an average of 500 British Columbians die by suicide each year, and

WHEREAS suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people aged 15-24, and

WHEREAS for every death by suicide there are likely between 50 to 100 attempts, and

WHEREAS suicide is a tragic loss of life – lost talent, lost creativity, and lost contribution to our communities,
and

WHEREAS suicide crosses all socio-economic, age, gender, culture and ethnic boundaries, and

WHEREAS suicide is preventable: public understanding can dispel myths and misconceptions and encourage
prevention, early intervention and treatment, as well as improve community support of those impacted by
suicide, and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization and the International Association for Suicide Prevention has
designated September 10, 1006 as World Suicide Prevention Day, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been
pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 10, 2006, inclusive,
shall be known as

“World Suicide Prevention Day”

in British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our
Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in
Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this seventh day of September, two thousand six and in the fifty-fifth
year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTICULTURALISM