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 fire is a serious public safety concern, and the government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting British Columbia, and

WHEREAS homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire, and people who have made and practised a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire, and

WHEREAS cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires in British Columbia, and British Columbians should ensure their home has working smoke alarms—which cuts the risk of dying in reported home fires in half—stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a one-metre kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops, and

WHEREAS British Columbians are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes, and

WHEREAS by working together, the government of British Columbia, the British Columbia fire service and British Columbians can reduce the number of people injured by fire and lead the way in making British Columbia fire safe, and

WHEREAS in 2020, the Fire Prevention Week theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!”, effectively serves as a reminder to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires, and British Columbians are urged to check their kitchens for fire hazards, to use safe cooking practices and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of British Columbia’s fire and emergency services;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 4 to 10, 2020, shall be known as

“Fire Prevention 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 seventeenth day of September, two thousand twenty and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

[Signature]
Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

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Lieutenant Governor