



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 throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognized, and

WHEREAS World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is in support of the United Nations International Plan of
Action which recognizes the significance of elder abuse as a social issue, and

WHEREAS a better understanding of abuse and neglect will support the development of awareness into action,
and

WHEREAS seniors are a diverse population within a society that supports its members throughout the life
continuum, and recognizes individual rights to dignity, respect, autonomy and choice, and

WHEREAS citizens, community organizations and public officials all have vital roles in working together and
sharing information on how to prevent and recognize signs of abuse or neglect, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring that seniors are valued within safe
communities and to supporting their contributions to a vibrant province, 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 June 15, 2009, shall be known as

“World Elder Abuse Awareness 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 to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS The Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our
City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twelfth day of June, two thousand nine and in the fifty-eighth year of
Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor