

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 the Tumour Foundation of BC is observing May 17, 2019 as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder, and

WHEREAS, although over two million people around the world are living with NF and one in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public, and

WHEREAS NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, and

WHEREAS NF causes tumours to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin, and

WHEREAS the disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain and cancer, and

WHEREAS the Tumour Foundation of BC leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF, and

WHEREAS the Tumour Foundation of BC provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs and provincial activities, and

WHEREAS much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications and support for research;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 17, 2019 shall be known as

"World Neurofibromatosis (NF) 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 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 April, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General (counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor