



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 domestic violence has devastating impacts on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of women and children, communities and nations, and

WHEREAS the incidence of domestic violence in indigenous communities is exceptionally high as a result of the destruction of traditional cultural and family systems brought on by colonization and the continuing impacts of the residential school era, and

WHEREAS with the recent conclusion of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the initiation of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Canadian society is at a critical juncture in the commitment to respond to the crisis of gender based violence in indigenous communities, and

WHEREAS the Moose Hide Campaign is an indigenous grassroots movement of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal men who are standing up against violence towards all women and children by reclaiming traditional roles and practices as supporters and protectors of women and children, and

WHEREAS wearing this moose hide signifies a personal commitment to honor, respect, and protect all women and children and to work together with other men to end violence against all women and children, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is committed to ending violence against women and children and believes that indigenous-led innovations such as the Moose Hide Campaign are critical in leading all Canadians in the effort to end domestic violence against all women and children in Canada;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 16, 2017, shall be known as

“Moose Hide Campaign 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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighteenth day of January, two thousand seventeen and in the sixty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Minister of Justice
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor