



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada  
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses throughout British Columbia help create vibrant, welcoming and inclusive communities for people from all backgrounds by bringing them together to make the connections they seek, find the services they need and discover the gifts they have to share, and

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses offer important community spaces, have dedicated staff and volunteers, and provide a wide range of resources for people who may be facing obstacles or new challenges or who want to build long-standing relationships in their community, and

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses' innovative approaches to strengthening communities are evidenced by the diverse and responsive set of services and programs that they offer, including childcare, employment and newcomer programs, social housing, youth and seniors' programs and opportunities, food programs, and collaborative community development initiatives, and

WHEREAS neighbourhood houses take a holistic approach in their work, with consideration for the whole person, the whole family, the whole neighbourhood and the whole community, and

WHEREAS the collective positive impact of this work has a tremendous beneficial influence in the lives of people throughout British Columbia and in the health, well-being and resilience of communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 3 to 9, 2026, shall be known as

**“Neighbourhood House 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 Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this sixth day of March, two thousand twenty-six and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Deputy Premier

Lieutenant Governor