



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 it is imperative that workers, employees and the public observe the highest standards of worker safety, public safety and infrastructure protection in any activity involving ground disturbance, and

WHEREAS it is extremely important that workers, employees and the public are aware that damage to buried infrastructure can result in disruption to emergency services, water and sewer conductivity, telecommunications, electric power, cable television, and the flow and supply of liquid petroleum and natural gas, any of which can cause vital outages for homes, businesses, financial institutions, hospitals, air traffic control and workplaces, and

WHEREAS the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance, a multi-faceted stakeholder group supporting safety, consistent practice and awareness in ground disturbance, together with the government of British Columbia and its agencies, promotes the open communication of occupational health and safety information among workers, employees and the public;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 2024 shall be known as

“Safe Digging Month”

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 fifteenth day of March, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor