

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 the government of British Columbia has recognized climate change as an urgent and immediate threat, and is committed to a better future by fighting climate change through the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and the *Climate Change Accountability Act*, and

WHEREAS as a vital contributor to the health and wellness of individuals and as a supporter of economic and community development across the province, British Columbia's sport sector has tremendous potential to contribute to British Columbia's climate goals, and

WHEREAS major events like the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and 2010 Paralympic Winter Games have focussed strongly on sustainability and environmental stewardship, and other major events such as the BC Summer Games, the BC Winter Games and the BMO Vancouver Marathon, as well as professional teams such as the Vancouver Canucks and the Vancouver Whitecaps, work to continue this legacy, and

WHEREAS organizations like Protect Our Winters Canada, Canada SailGP Team, the Centre for Sport and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia and The Sport Ecology Group already champion this cause across the province, and

WHEREAS Green Sports Day is an opportunity to celebrate progress toward achieving the low-emissions goals of the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework and the climate mitigation and adaptation goals of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (the IUCN's) Sports for Nature Framework, reaching waste reduction targets, encouraging continued sustainability efforts and increasing equitable opportunities for all British Columbians to play sport in clean and safe environments;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 6, 2023, shall be known as

"Green Sports 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 twenty-second day of September, two thousand twenty-three and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor