

BC Proclamation, 2021 (plain language)

October 2021 is Community Inclusion Month in British Columbia

BECAUSE Community Inclusion Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout British Columbia, and this year it will focus attention on inclusive housing and the importance of supporting inclusion of all British Columbians, and

BECAUSE in 2010, Canada ratified the United Nations' historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which includes [Article 19 – Living independently and being included in the community](#), and

BECAUSE inclusive housing builds strong, supportive, accessible, and more resilient communities where everybody belongs, feels valued, and has the chance to contribute, and

BECAUSE many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities face barriers like poverty, isolation, and have trouble finding housing that is safe, affordable, and accessible, and

BECAUSE inclusive housing must consider the unique needs of all people to be truly inclusive, and

BECAUSE the government of British Columbia is committed to enhancing inclusion, thus ensuring that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities can participate fully in society;

WE ANNOUNCE that October 2021 is

“Community Inclusion Month”

in the Province of British Columbia.

