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On May 10th, Pro-Life British Columbians from across the province will march to the Legislature in the 5th Annual March for Life in Victoria. With the abortion issue receiving such prominent attention in the media lately, organizers expect a large turnout this year. This year's theme, "SPEAK UP FOR LIFE," challenges all British Columbians to raise their voice for the protection of the lives of the unborn.

Recent news stories about gender selection abortion and designer babies, and the current Parliamentary Motion calling for a committee to review the Criminal Code's definition of a human being, have all drawn much needed attention to this issue. "The attention these issues have received, and polling data results, clearly show that Canadians are concerned by the complete lack of restrictions on abortion," said March for Life media spokesperson, Anastasia Pearse.

"Our intention here today is to peacefully and prayerfully bring attention to the victims of abortion in our province," she added. "We want to raise awareness and ask people to think before they choose abortion. They need to know the facts and be fully informed of all of the risks before they make these life changing decisions."

The March for Life is organized to be a celebration of lives saved as well as a commemoration of lives lost. In BC, despite a severe lack of transparency in abortion record keeping, it is estimated that over 14,000 abortions are performed every year. "As tax-paying citizens, our money is being used to fund these abortions," states Pearse. "We are marching today to speak out against this atrocity, to speak up for those 14,000 British Columbians who never had the chance to speak for themselves. We cannot remain silent when so many lives are at stake."

This year's March for Life is part of a national day of marches across the country. The BC March is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State and Campaign Life Coalition British Columbia. The March begins at 2:00pm in Centennial Square.

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