



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS British Columbia is a culturally diverse province comprising many peoples and communities, and

WHEREAS anti-racism is the deliberate act of opposing racism and promoting a society that is thoughtful and just, with equitable opportunities for all people—the society aspired to in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges that the province’s history is rooted in stories of exclusion and discrimination—from residential schools to discriminatory policies against Asian and Black British Columbians, to increased hate crimes against cultural and faith communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, to the experiences of Indigenous peoples accessing health care, and

WHEREAS anti-racism education helps people learn how to practise identifying, challenging, preventing, eliminating and changing the values, structures, policies, programs, practices and behaviours that perpetuate racism and hate, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, through its Resilience BC program, public education campaign and other initiatives, is committed to providing communities across the province with the resources they need for anti-racism education, and is also committed to addressing issues of systemic racism in government policies and programs, and

WHEREAS Anti-Racism Awareness Week is an opportunity to focus on the need for governments, organizations and individuals in British Columbia to work together to educate and support anti-racism education in communities across this province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 23 to 29, 2021, shall be known as

“Anti-Racism Awareness Week”

in the Province of British Columbia.

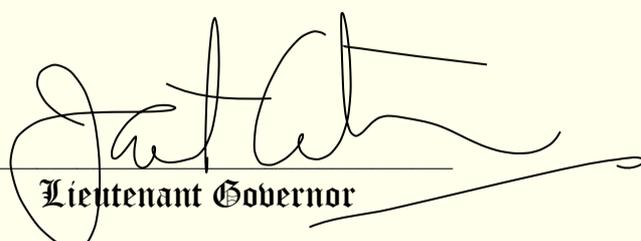
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-ninth day of April, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor