



**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 British Columbia is a culturally diverse province comprising of 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 people 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 provide and support anti-racism education in communities across this province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 27 to June 2, 2024, 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 nineteenth day of April, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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Attorney General

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Lieutenant Governor