



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 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of Michael Smith's Nobel Prize for his work in developing site-directed mutagenesis, a technique that allows a specific DNA sequence to be altered in a targeted manner, and

WHEREAS this discovery opened the door to entirely new fields of science including genetic engineering and synthetic biology, and put British Columbia on the map as a place for world-class research, and

WHEREAS Smith will be remembered as a great scientist and humanitarian who gave generously to the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world, donating his entire Nobel Prize money to Science World British Columbia, the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology, and schizophrenia research; and using his time and energy to reach out to audiences about the importance of science, and

WHEREAS Smith's enduring legacy includes developing and inspiring organizations such as the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre, Genome British Columbia, the University of British Columbia's Michael Smith Laboratories and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, as well as numerous start-ups and research centres, and

WHEREAS these organizations and the broader British Columbia research community are continuing his work so that British Columbia remains an international leader in genomics research and world-class research hub. Smith's legacy will be commemorated at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Michael Smith's Nobel Prize presented by the University of British Columbia's Michael Smith Laboratories on October 1 to 2, 2018;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 1, 2018 shall be known as

“25th Anniversary Celebration of Michael Smith's Nobel Prize 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-first day of September, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor