



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 on April 24 each year since the 1920s, Armenians have commemorated the victims of the tragic 1915 Armenian genocide, and

WHEREAS on April 24, 1915, hundreds of Armenian poets, musicians, publicists, editors, lawyers and doctors in Constantinople were arrested, exiled and murdered by Ottoman Turkey, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia honours the memories of those who lost their lives as a result of this massacre and their descendants, including the Armenian community in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the strength and resilience of the Armenian people, and

WHEREAS Armenian Genocide Memorial Day is an opportunity for British Columbians to reflect on historic injustices while raising awareness about the many forms of racism, injustices, discrimination and hate disproportionately suffered by minority communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 24, 2022, shall be known as

**“Armenian Genocide Memorial 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-second day of April, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor