



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 over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to British Columbia from all parts of Asia, bringing to this society a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions, and

WHEREAS the people of this diverse, vibrant community have contributed to every aspect of life in British Columbia from arts and science to sports, business and government, and

WHEREAS people of Asian heritage have faced a rise in racially motivated physical and verbal attacks since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that the government of British Columbia is committed to addressing along with all other forms of racism and hate, and

WHEREAS Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity to learn more about the history of British Columbians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the prosperity of this province;

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

**“Asian Heritage Month”**

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 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