



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 Columbians should take pride in and enjoy the high-quality products produced in our communities and province, and

WHEREAS British Columbia winemakers deserve our support, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's wine industry employs approximately 12,000 people, and has an economic impact of \$2.8 billion annually, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's wine industry is made up of family-run vineyards and wineries that have chosen farming and wine-making as their passion and their profession, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's wine industry provides good jobs in communities throughout the province, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is home to 929 vineyards, including over 350 licensed wineries, and

WHEREAS British Columbia wineries receive over 800,000 visitors each year, and

WHEREAS there are approximately 3,900 hectares of wine grapes grown in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS there are over 60 different grape varieties produced in the province;

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

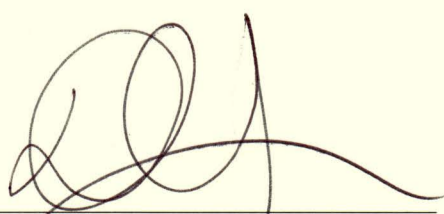
“BC Wine Month”

in the Province of British Columbia.

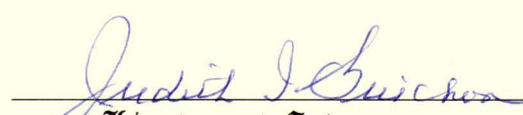
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighth day of March, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor