



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 the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS the diversity of the heritage and culture of South Asian peoples in British Columbia is recognized and valued, and

WHEREAS April 14 to 20, 2022, marks the first week of Bangla New Year for the Bangladeshi community and for British Columbians of South Asian descent, and

WHEREAS the Bangla language spoken by peoples of Bangladeshi, Nepalese, Myanma and Indian descent in British Columbia is an important component of South Asian heritage and culture, and

WHEREAS there are many community celebrations of Bangla New Year in British Columbia, with Bangla-speaking peoples sharing their culture and history with others, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to join all British Columbians to recognize the contributions of Bangla-speaking Canadians to this society;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 14 to 20, 2022, shall be known as

**“Bangla Heritage 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 thirty-first day of March, 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