



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada  
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS British Columbia is a culturally and ethnically diverse province that includes many peoples and communities of the African diaspora, and

WHEREAS people of African descent have been a fundamental part of British Columbia since at least 1858, and have helped shape the cultural, economic, political and social development of the province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the strength and resiliency of Black communities in British Columbia to overcome hardships and fight for social justice and equality for all, and

WHEREAS as a lead up to Black History Month, the Ninandotoo Society in British Columbia is leading the celebration of Black Excellence Day virtually on January 15, 2024, to provide a meaningful, inclusive and accessible experience for students across Canada, and

WHEREAS the term “Black Excellence” was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, and recognizing Black Excellence Day in British Columbia is a step towards reconciliation and recognition of the ongoing civil rights struggles of Black British Columbians and encourages everyone to learn more about the history and contributions of Black British Columbians;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that January 15, 2024, shall be known as


**“Black Excellence 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 third day of January, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General

  
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Lieutenant Governor