



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 comprised of many people and communities, and

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

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes the contributions of people of African heritage to the province, and

WHEREAS the United Nations has proclaimed the years 2015 to 2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent with the objective of promoting greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to society, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia wishes to join with all citizens of the province to recognize the contributions of people with African heritage in commemorating Black History Month;

NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 2019 shall be known as

**“Black History 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 January, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor