



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, respectful of its multicultural heritage, and

WHEREAS on April 25, 1858, the first Black settlers arrived in Victoria in search of a home with protected civil rights, and

WHEREAS April 25, 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the arrival of the first Black settlers in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS despite challenges and prejudice, these Black settlers displayed great courage and resourcefulness in their contribution to the cultural, economic, political and social development of the province, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes the contribution of people of African heritage to the province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 25, 2018 shall be known as

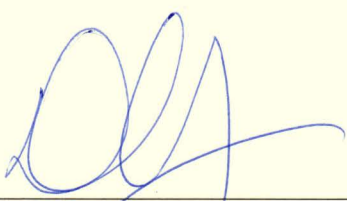
“Black Settler Heritage Day”

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twentieth day of April, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor