



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 comprising many peoples and communities, and

WHEREAS over the last 200 years, Chinese immigrants have brought a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities and religious traditions to British Columbian society, and despite facing discriminatory laws, Chinese Canadians have helped to enrich British Columbia's communities and economy, with their achievements firmly woven into the province's history, and

WHEREAS in 2021, the Canadian Community Service Association (CCSA) will host the Chinese Cultural Heritage Festival virtually from July 19 to 25 to celebrate the significant contributions made to arts, cuisine, music and heritage in British Columbia by generations of Chinese Canadians, and

WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCSA has collected a large volume of protective equipment for front-line medical workers; has donated to the Pacific Autism Family Network (PAFN), the Chinese Canadian Museum and the YWCA Metro Vancouver's Single Mothers' Support Services; and has actively fought against all forms of racial discrimination, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to establishing a Chinese Canadian Museum that honours the past and present contributions of British Columbians of Chinese descent to the province, and everyone is invited to learn more about the many stories of Chinese Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make British Columbia the culturally diverse and prosperous province it is today;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 19 to 25, 2021, shall be known as

“Chinese Cultural 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 twenty-third day of June, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor