



Canada  
Province of British Columbia  
A Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS as an original and powerful form of social enterprise, co-operative associations are democratic, member-owned organizations that enable communities to meet their common needs, and

WHEREAS co-operative associations are well positioned to support meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and

WHEREAS co-operative associations help newcomers join in the social and economic life of their communities; provide services to millions of British Columbians in all sectors, including finance, housing, agriculture, transportation and retail; and support and develop local economies by employing tens of thousands of British Columbians in communities across the province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia has committed to an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative economy, including a strong co-operative sector, through its release of the StrongerBC Economic Plan in 2022, which has helped British Columbia through the pandemic and is a strong driver for recovery of small businesses in the province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to join with co-operative associations across the province in recognizing the contribution of co-operatives to economic and social well-being;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 16 to 22, 2022, shall be known as

**“Co-op 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 thirteenth day of October, two thousand twenty-two and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

*Murray Rankin*

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

*Janet Austin*  
Lieutenant Governor