



**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 people of Asian heritage have faced a rise in racially motivated physical and verbal attacks since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that the government of British Columbia is committed to addressing along with all other forms of racism and hate, and

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, police-reported hate crimes against people of East Asian and Southeast Asian descent increased by 301% in 2020, and

WHEREAS Stand With Asians Coalition (SWAC) is a non-profit organization that started as a grassroots movement in Burnaby, British Columbia in April 2021 to raise awareness of and to stand up against anti-Asian racism and other forms of racism, and

WHEREAS the Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism is an opportunity to bring allies together to build a stronger, more inclusive society where everyone can feel safe, happy and healthy;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 10, 2022, shall be known as

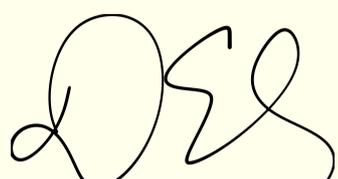
**“Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”**

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 ninth day of May, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

  
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Lieutenant Governor