



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 an inclusive province where people of all backgrounds live, work and raise their children, and

WHEREAS Nowruz means “new day” in Persian, coincides with the first day of spring and the vernal equinox and is celebrated by many communities throughout British Columbia as the start of a new year, and

WHEREAS Nowruz has been celebrated for thousands of years around the world by several communities in the Iranian Plateau, as well as by Afghanistan, Tajikistan and others. Today, Nowruz connects people of different ethnicities, cultures and faiths, affirming a life in harmony with nature and an awareness of the natural cycle of life, and

WHEREAS Nowruz is an opportunity to break down walls and connect with one another in the name of our shared values. It is a reminder to honour the past while looking forward to a brighter future;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 20, 2018 shall be known as

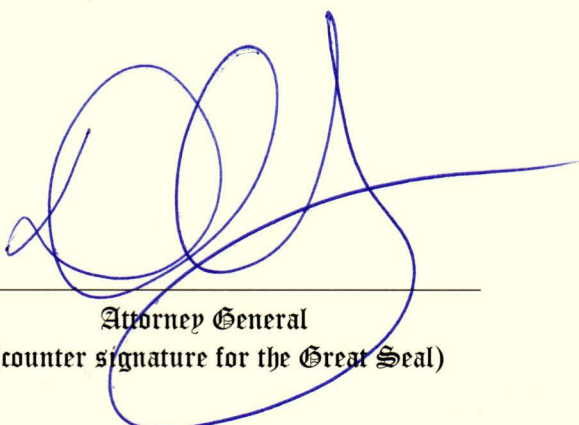
“Day of Nowruz”

in the Province of British Columbia.

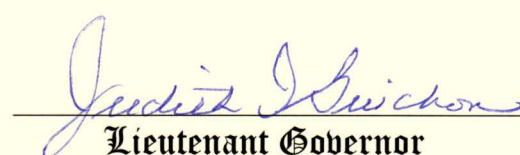
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirteenth day of March, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor