



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 the most diverse province in Canada, where people of all backgrounds live, work and raise their children, and

WHEREAS Nowruz means “new day”, coincides with the first day of spring and the vernal equinox and is celebrated by communities throughout British Columbia on March 20, 2019 as the start of a new year, and

WHEREAS Nowruz has been celebrated for thousands of years by diverse peoples, spanning northwest China, India and central Asian republics, Iran, the Caucuses, Turkey, Northern Iraq and westward to Egypt, and

WHEREAS, 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 and 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, 2019 shall be known as

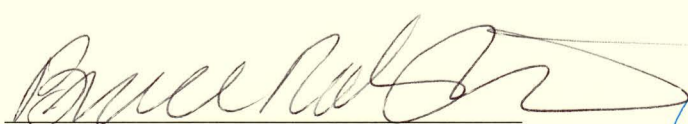
**“Day of Nowruz”**


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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this fifteenth day of March, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
Acting Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
Lieutenant Governor