



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 Nowruz is known by many names, all meaning “New Day,” and connects more than 300 million people in British Columbia and around the world with one another and with mother nature in celebration of rejuvenation and renewal while honouring the past, and

WHEREAS Nowruz transcends borders and unifies people of various ethnicities, cultures, languages and religions—including people of Afghan, Iranian, Tajik, Kurdish, Azeri and Balouch communities; people of Zoroastrian, Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Bahai faiths; and people who trace their heritage to many locations, including from Samarkand to Isfahan, Kabul to Tehran, Yazd to Sanandaj, Zagros Mountains to the Bamiyan Valley, Amu Darya to the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, and Delhi to Mazar and the Balkans, and

WHEREAS many communities who celebrate Nowruz prepare to welcome the spring with traditions that include coming together to make Samanu, one of many names for this traditional dish, to clean their houses, to cleanse their souls by jumping over the fire of Chahar Shanbeh Souri, and to salute the new season over their Haft-Seen table complemented with Haft-Mewa, a fruit and nut compote representing growth and rejuvenation, and

WHEREAS Nowruz is associated with numerous legends such as the uprising led by a legendary figure often known as Kaveh the Blacksmith which defeated the evil of Zahhak the Snake-shoulder, bringing justice and hope to people after a long darkness, and

WHEREAS those who welcome Nowruz invite all to share in this message of unity, peace and humanity;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 20, 2022, 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 eleventh day of March, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor