



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 renowned for its multiculturalism and now has the second highest proportion of foreign-born residents in Canada, and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, immigrants have added to our province's diversity by bringing their culture, customs and heritage, which has resulted in a rich blend of various traditions and languages, and

WHEREAS learners of English as an additional language are represented by a large cross section of individuals that includes students of elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, public and private schools, and adult education, all pursuing literacy and basic skills, and

WHEREAS the professional organization of British Columbia Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL) is hosting EAL Week from November 15 to 21 in British Columbia, consisting of a fundraiser for refugee post-secondary education and professional-development activities to continue and develop the skills and abilities of its members;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 15 to 21, 2019, shall be known as

**“English as an Additional Language (EAL) 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 twenty-eighth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor