



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 George Ryga, a towering figure in the history of Canadian theatre, literature and culture, was also known as a tireless fighter for social justice on behalf of all marginalized people, and

WHEREAS issues of identity, inequality and discrimination demand constant exploration of the paths to social progress and reconciliation, and

WHEREAS George Ryga's powerful plays, such as *The Ecstasy of Rita Joe*, draw attention to issues of systemic racism, violence and discrimination against Indigenous people, and

WHEREAS inspired by George Ryga, the Ryga Festival Society seeks to foster creativity through education and to explore social issues through the arts, and

WHEREAS George Ryga Week is an opportunity to celebrate his legacy alongside the sixth Ryga Arts Festival, to be held August 14 to 22 in Summerland, British Columbia, where George Ryga lived and created most of his works;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that August 14 to 22, 2021, shall be known as

“George Ryga 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 twelfth day of August, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor