



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 the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is an international movement to draw attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and Two-Spirit people all over the world, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is a staunch supporter of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and Two-Spirit persons in British Columbia and around the world, and

WHEREAS sexual orientation and gender identity or expression are among the protected grounds covered by the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia wishes to join with community groups across the province in working toward building respect for sexual and gender diversity, and urges the protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and Two-Spirit people from discrimination and harm, and

WHEREAS QMUNITY is a leader in working to improve queer, transgender, and Two-Spirit lives in British Columbia by providing a safer space for LGBTQ/2S people and their allies to fully self-express while feeling welcome and included;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 17, 2018 shall be known as

“International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia”

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 ninth day of May, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor