



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 Province of British Columbia is committed to the belief that equal opportunity and treatment should exist for all people, and

WHEREAS all residents of British Columbia have the right to realize their potential regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and live at all times in conditions of dignity, respect and peace, and

WHEREAS the goal of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia 2019 is to increase understanding and visibility for members of the LGBTQ/2S community and encourage discussion about what it means to be a queer, trans or Two-Spirit person in BC, and

WHEREAS the elimination of all forms of oppression, including homophobia, transphobia and biphobia is an ongoing process as we strive to create a society in which all individuals are valued and celebrated for their unique identities and contributions;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 17, 2019 shall be known as

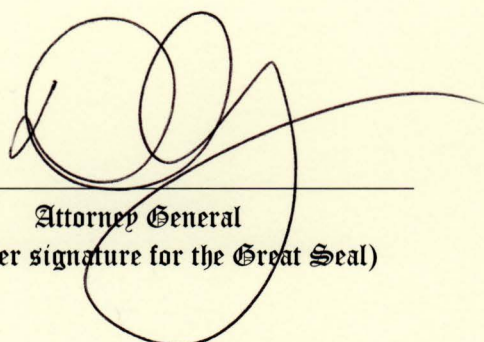
**“International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia”**

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 fifteenth day of April, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor