



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 General Assembly of the United Nations has designated March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and

WHEREAS the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of our society and contributes greatly to life in our province, and

WHEREAS discrimination, unconscious bias, racism and hate continue to be challenges in our society that the government of British Columbia is committed to addressing, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, through its new Resilience BC program, is committed to providing communities across the province with the tools, training and supports they need to respond to and prevent incidents of racism and hate, and

WHEREAS many individuals and organizations across the province are making a difference in our communities by taking leadership in challenging racism and hate and by reducing barriers for British Columbians whose identities have been historically marginalized;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 21, 2020, shall be known as

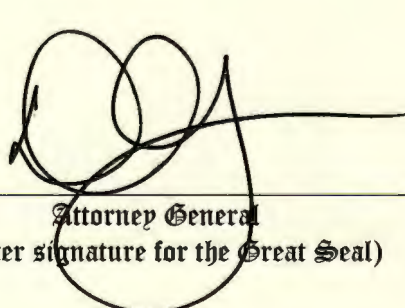
**“International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination”**

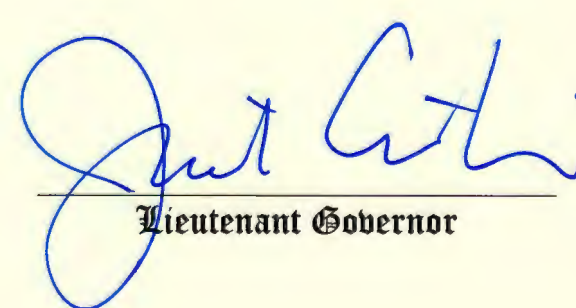
in the Province of British Columbia.

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 March, two thousand twenty and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
Lieutenant Governor