



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

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

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

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

WHEREAS the elimination of all forms of oppression, including homophobia, transphobia and biphobia, is an ongoing process as British Columbians 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, 2023, 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 eighth day of May, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor