



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 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 this society and contributes greatly to life in the province, and

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples, Black people and people of colour in British Columbia continue to experience systemic racism, discrimination and hate, and the government of British Columbia is committed to fully addressing all aspects of racial inequity, including the institutional and structural forms of racism, and

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

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, through its Resilience BC program and other anti-racism initiatives, is committed to providing communities across the province with the supports they need to respond to and prevent incidents of racism and hate, and is also committed to addressing issues of systemic racism in government policies and programs;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 21, 2023, 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 sixteenth day of February, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor