



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 United Nations General Assembly designated April 7 as the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, and

WHEREAS April 7 marks the beginning of the 1994 genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority, when more than 800 000 Tutsi, moderate Hutu and other people in Rwanda who opposed the massacres were systematically murdered, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia joins the Rwandan community in British Columbia to remember and pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in the genocide in Rwanda and offers the deepest sympathies to everyone living with the pain and trauma caused by such atrocities, and

WHEREAS Indigenous people, Black people and people of colour in British Columbia continue to experience systemic racism, injustices, discrimination and hate, and the government of British Columbia is committed to addressing all forms of racism, and

WHEREAS the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda is an opportunity for British Columbians to reflect on historic injustices while raising awareness about the many forms of racism, injustices, discrimination and hate disproportionately suffered by minority communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 7, 2021, shall be known as

“International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda”

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 first day of April, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor