



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

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

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly declared December 18 every year as International Migrants Day to recognize the important contribution of migrants while highlighting the challenges they face, and

WHEREAS Canada has championed the United Nations' Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which affirms that migrants are entitled to universal human rights and fundamentals that must be respected, protected and fulfilled at all times, and

WHEREAS migrants across the world often have temporary, uncertain or no immigration status and may be exposed to precarious and vulnerable working and living conditions, with limited access to essential services, and

WHEREAS despite the challenges they face, migrants have proven to be a source of prosperity, innovation and sustainable development to their host countries as well as countries of origin and transit, while their knowledge, networks and skills contribute to the development of resilient communities, and

WHEREAS in British Columbia, the rights of foreign workers are protected under the *Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act*, as well the laws applicable to other workers in the province, and

WHEREAS International Migrants Day is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of migrants in British Columbia and to raise awareness of the millions of international migrants who continue to take perilous journeys each year;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that December 18, 2023, shall be known as

**“International Migrants Day”**

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 fourteenth day of December, two thousand twenty-three and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor