



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 diverse cultural, ethnic, spiritual and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to the cultural, social, economic and political life of this province, and

WHEREAS in 2007, the Parliament of Canada proclaimed October as Canadian Islamic History Month in recognition of the Muslim community's significant contributions to Canadian society, and

WHEREAS Muslim and Indigenous communities have co-created a series of online events, projects and exhibitions around themes of Joy and Solidarity as well as online resources featuring the history of Muslim people in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is home to a growing Muslim community, and the provincial government is committed to tackling race-based and faith-based hatred as well as discrimination of all kinds in the province through funding grassroots anti-racism projects, and the Ministry of Education has committed to creating a K-12 anti-racism action plan with an anti-Islamophobia strategy to give students and staff guidance on how to respond to incidents of racism, and

WHEREAS teaching British Columbia's colonial history to children and highlighting local Muslim stories helps provide tools to tackle anti-Muslim sentiments and Islamophobia and to build a more inclusive province for everyone, and

WHEREAS Islamic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the generosity of Muslim communities, to learn about the fascinating history of Islam in Canada, to stand in solidarity against Islamophobia and all forms of hate, and to foster greater understanding, acceptance and social cohesion among people of diverse faiths in British Columbia;

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

“Islamic Heritage Month”

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 October, 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