



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 ethno-cultural heritage of British Columbia contributes greatly to life in this province, and the Jewish population of British Columbia is approximately 30 000 people, making it the third-largest Jewish community in Canada, and

WHEREAS on March 29, 2018, the Senate and the House of Commons adopted the *Canadian Jewish Heritage Month Act*, and

WHEREAS the month of May is meaningful for the Jewish community around the world and is a time to celebrate the Jewish community's significant contributions to British Columbia's collective success, social welfare, cultural achievements, politics, growth and prosperity, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the history and essential role of the Jewish community in the province and acknowledges the strength and resiliency of the Jewish community to overcome antisemitism, hardships and discrimination and to fight for social justice and equality for all, and

WHEREAS Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture and traditions, and the government of British Columbia encourages all British Columbians to learn more about the history of Jewish-Canadians and to reflect on the many contributions they have made to the province, and

WHEREAS the proclamation respecting Jewish Heritage Month, issued on the twenty-ninth day of April, two thousand twenty-one, is rescinded;

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

“Jewish 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 third day of May, 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