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 lakes are among British Columbia's most valuable natural resources, covering a total area of 22 434 square kilometres of the province, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's lakes provide drinking water, habitat for fish and wildlife, energy, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty and connection to the natural world, and

WHEREAS these beneficial uses of lakes are of fundamental importance to the environment and to the well-being of communities across British Columbia, and

WHEREAS lakes have important cultural, heritage and ceremonial values for Indigenous Peoples, and the relationship continues today, and

WHEREAS the BC Lake Stewardship Society (BCLSS)—in partnership with other non-profit societies, local communities, Indigenous Peoples and the government of British Columbia—has significantly contributed to a better understanding of lakes and lake shore ecology, and has made improvements to many lakes, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the importance of protecting the health of lakes in the province for current and future generations;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 2022 shall be known as

"Lakes Appreciation 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 twenty-ninth day of June, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor