



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 British Columbia is a culturally, ethnically, racially and religiously diverse province comprising many peoples and communities, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is home to a growing community of Filipinos who trace their heritage to the Philippines, and

WHEREAS Lapu-Lapu was an Indigenous leader of the Philippines who is famous for winning the Battle of Mactan on April 27, 1521, and for his resistance against Spanish colonization, and

WHEREAS a major city in Mactan is named after Lapu-Lapu, and April 27 is celebrated annually in the Philippines as Lapu-Lapu Day, in honour of their national hero's legacy of courage and will in pursuit of freedom, and

WHEREAS Lapu-Lapu Day is an opportunity to honour Lapu-Lapu as an inspirational Indigenous leader of the Philippines, to learn more about the history of people in British Columbia of Filipino heritage and to celebrate their contributions to the vibrancy and prosperity of the province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 27, 2025, shall be known as

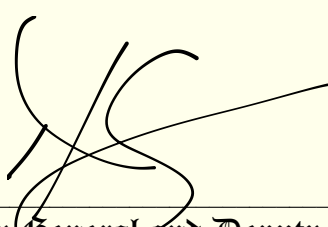
“Lapu-Lapu Day”

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 Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this third day of April, two thousand twenty-five and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General and Deputy Premier



Lieutenant Governor