



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 Métis people and their descendants have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada, and

WHEREAS the Métis people are recognized under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* as one of Canada's Aboriginal peoples, and

WHEREAS Louis Riel was a humanitarian, an advocate for the Métis people, and one of the Métis people's foremost historic leaders who strove for justice and the rights of the Métis people as Manitoba joined Confederation, and

WHEREAS November 16th is an important and symbolic date that is recognized by Métis people across British Columbia each year in commemoration of the death of Louis Riel on that day in 1885, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia honours Métis history and culture, Louis Riel's place in Canadian history and the government's valued relationship with the Métis people in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 16, 2019, shall be known as

**"Louis Riel 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 twenty-eighth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor