



**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 heritage of British Columbia contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the significant contributions of people of Asian heritage to the province over the last 2 centuries, and

WHEREAS the Lunar New Year Festival is one of the most important celebrations for many British Columbians of Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean descent, as well as for many others of Southeast Asian origins, and

WHEREAS British Columbians of all backgrounds participate in the festivities to celebrate and learn more about the rich cultures of these communities, and

WHEREAS on June 1, 2016, the Parliament of Canada passed a motion to annually proclaim the first day of the Lunar New Year as the beginning of the Spring Festival in Canada, and

WHEREAS the Lunar New Year Festival symbolizes a new beginning and fresh start that brings good luck to households and good health to families;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 1, 2022, shall be known as

**“Lunar New Year and the Beginning of the Spring Festival”**

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-seventh day of January, two thousand twenty-two 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