



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, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi School of Islamic Sufism is an international non-profit organization with a range of community, charitable and learning initiatives such as interfaith efforts; disaster responses; Sufi concentration and meditation (Tamarkoz) practices; Sufi psychology, arts and culture, including Sufi zekr and music; and youth mentorship and support, and

WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi has supported vulnerable populations in need, has donated over 110 000 pieces of personal protective equipment and over 200 000 essential products, and has offered free meditation classes and online courses to help people cope with stress at home, and

WHEREAS M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi's interfaith, cultural, community outreach and reconciliatory efforts, including cooperation with Indigenous Peoples such as the Squamish Nation, aim to spread love, unity and hope in society, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the contributions of M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi volunteers and all British Columbians who bring hope and joy to those facing hardships as an inspiring example of how important generous community acts are during difficult times;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 4, 2022, shall be known as

**“M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi 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-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