



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 British Columbia is the most diverse province in Canada, with 204 First Nations, vibrant Métis and urban Indigenous communities and residents who trace their origins to more than 200 other countries or regions, and

WHEREAS the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of our society and contributes greatly to life in our province, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes that Indigenous peoples and many other cultural, ethnic, racial and religious communities in British Columbia have suffered historic injustices contrary to the principles enshrined in the British Columbia *Multiculturalism Act*, and

WHEREAS discrimination, unconscious bias, racism and hate continue to be challenges in our society that the Government of British Columbia is committed to addressing in order to ensure that all British Columbians can fully and freely participate in social, economic, cultural and political life, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to fostering a harmonious society based on mutual respect and where diversity is respected and valued, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia wishes to join with communities across the province in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the *Multiculturalism Act* in British Columbia.;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 18 to 24, 2018 shall be known as

“Multiculturalism Week”

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 second day of November, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor