



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's Resident killer whales (orcas) are listed as endangered (Southern population, of the Salish Sea) and threatened (Northern population) under the *Species at Risk Act* (Canada), and

WHEREAS Salish Sea orcas are an iconic population, are culturally significant for Indigenous peoples and bring much pleasure and interest to residents of and visitors to British Columbia, and

WHEREAS major factors in the decline of the Salish Sea orcas include previous captures for marine parks, declining salmon populations, marine pollution, vessel disturbance and underwater noise, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia supports efforts to recover the endangered Salish Sea orcas by better understanding and providing for their needs, and

WHEREAS during the month of June various conservation groups in the Pacific Northwest come together to focus on educating the public and taking action to protect the Salish Sea orcas, and

WHEREAS bringing attention to the plight of the Salish Sea orcas also brings attention to conservation efforts to recover British Columbia's herring and Chinook salmon populations, and

WHEREAS we recognize the importance of respecting and observing the Salish Sea orcas with care;

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

**“Orca Awareness Month”**

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-ninth day of May, 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