



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) and threatened (Northern population) under the *Species at Risk Act*, and

WHEREAS the existence of orcas in our waters brings much pleasure and interest to residents of and visitors to British Columbia, and we feel blessed to have orcas in our midst, to recognize them as individuals and pods and observe them with wonder, and

WHEREAS major factors in the decline of orca population include previous captures for marine parks, declining salmon runs, toxic pollution, loss of habitat and increasing vessel traffic and underwater noise levels, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia supports efforts to help this endangered population 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 enhance survival of orcas, and

WHEREAS bringing attention to the orcas also brings attention to efforts to clean up the oceans and rebuild British Columbia's herring and Chinook salmon spawning grounds, and

WHEREAS we have only begun to learn about the intelligence and social organization of orcas;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 2018 shall be known as

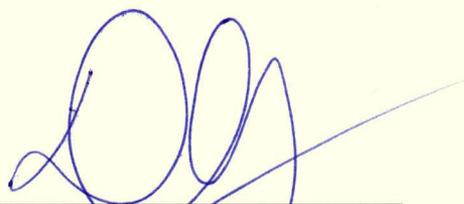
“Orca Awareness Month”

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

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor