



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 a culturally diverse province comprising many peoples and communities,
and

WHEREAS Polish British Columbians live in rural and urban areas, work in every sector and continue to
make significant cultural, economic, creative and social contributions to this diverse province, and

WHEREAS distinctive Polish British Columbian identities and communities have formed over several
generations, enriched through mutual sharing with other communities and strengthened by the presence of
historic landmarks and contemporary cultural symbols developed by Polish British Columbians, and

WHEREAS September is a significant month for Polish British Columbians and includes the annual Polish
Festival and Harvest Festival that are integral to their identity, and

WHEREAS Polish Heritage Month is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of all
Polish communities in British Columbia;

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

“Polish Heritage 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 August, two thousand twenty-two and in the
seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Murray Rankin

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor