



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 the Powell Street Festival has honoured, celebrated and promoted the history and culture of Japanese Canadians in British Columbia with festivities held in the Powell Street neighbourhood—from where the Japanese Canadian community was historically uprooted, dispossessed and dispersed across the province and country in the 1940s, and

WHEREAS the spirit of the Powell Street Festival was born from a commitment to reunite and empower the Japanese Canadian community by promoting artists, supporting grassroots organizations and cultivating opportunities for connection across diverse communities in this province, and

WHEREAS the Powell Street Festival stands against the rise of anti-Asian racism and hate crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic by creating a rich cultural and community space with economic and creative opportunities for neighbourhood residents, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia remains committed to acknowledging the past and present experiences of the Japanese Canadian communities and their invaluable contributions to British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 30 and 31, 2022, shall be known as

“Powell Street Festival Days”

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 June, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor