



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 Punjabi has been spoken in the Province of British Columbia for over 120 years, and

WHEREAS people of Punjabi descent have played a historic and important role in the social and economic development of British Columbia, and continue to make significant contributions to Canadian society through their hard work and generosity, and

WHEREAS modern Punjabi literature is transnational in scope, and at the same time embedded in the rich cultural and literary traditions of the Punjab, and

WHEREAS the Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature promotes the preservation of this distinct culture and heritage through cultivation and recognition of literary works from authors around the world, and

WHEREAS the Dhanan Prize for Punjabi Literature aims to share Punjabi literature with non-Punjabi speakers in Canada through the promotion of translation, connection and engaging communication through storytelling;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 14 to 20, 2018 shall be known as


**“Punjabi Literature 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 fifth day of October, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor