



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 Holi is a significant holiday for the South Asian Community, this year celebrated on March 21, 2019, and

WHEREAS the Holi Festival has ancient origins and celebrates the arrival of Spring. The festival bridges the social gap and renews relationships, and

WHEREAS Holi celebrates that we are all human beings, before race, religion, ethnicity, cultural heritage and place of origin, and

WHEREAS the celebration of Holi fosters a message of unity, harmony and respect, and

WHEREAS it is fitting and proper that on Holi our citizens would gather and raise their hands in unity against racism, and

WHEREAS Raise Your Hands Against Racism Day is an opportunity to encourage citizens to add their handprints and voice to say that racism does not serve our community and should be eradicated from our society on this day and throughout the year, and

WHEREAS we wish to encourage all citizens to join together and to add their hands and messages on anti-racism mosaics;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 21, 2019 shall be known as

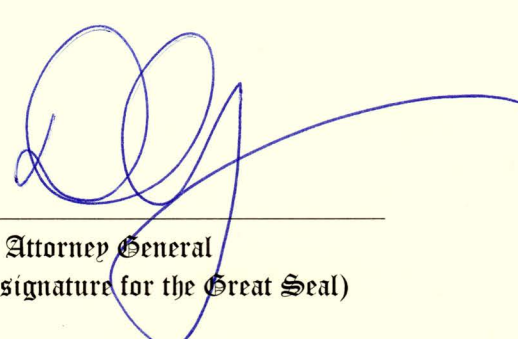
“Raise Your Hands Against Racism Day”

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 twelfth day of March, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor