



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 the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS Sikhs have been an influential and impactful part of British Columbia since the turn of the nineteenth century, and they have endured many hardships while contributing to the growth and success of the province, and

WHEREAS in April, Sikhs around the world celebrate Vaisakhi, the day the Khalsa was created, which cemented the disciplines and traditions of the Sikh faith, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is home to the largest Vaisakhi celebration in North America, and one of the largest outside India, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the important contributions that Canadian Sikhs have made and continue to make to British Columbia's social, economic, political and cultural fabric, and

WHEREAS Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the aspirations of all Canadian Sikhs and to develop a greater appreciation for and educate future generations about this rich, unique and diverse heritage;

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

**“Sikh 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 thirty-first day of March, 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