



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 comprised of many people and communities, and

WHEREAS Sikhs have been an influential and impactful part of British Columbia since the turn of the nineteenth century, and

WHEREAS Sikhs have endured many hardships while contributing to the growth and success of our 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 by proclaiming the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the Province of British Columbia recognizes the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made, and continue to make to British Columbia's social, economic, political and cultural fabric;

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

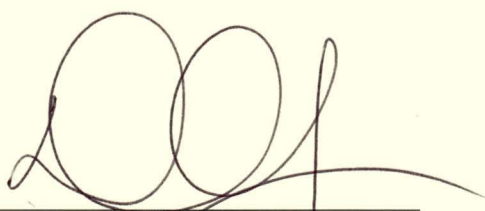
“Sikh Heritage Month”

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

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor