



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's small business sector employs over a million British Columbians and remains a significant source of strength in the provincial economy; in 2018 British Columbia ranked second among the provinces for small businesses per capita, and

WHEREAS the small business sector plays a vital role in growing the province's private sector economy, providing \$15.8 billion in exports and generating around 34% of our province's gross domestic product in 2018, and

WHEREAS small businesses form the backbone of all sectors of the economy and all BC communities, and are a key source of innovation, job creation and economic growth, productivity and diversification in regional communities, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to reducing costs for business owners; helping BC businesses market their products and expand market access to the rest of Canada and abroad; and continuing to facilitate the work of BC's Small Business Roundtable to provide an effective voice to government for policies and programs affecting small business, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to dealing with the changing nature of business, making strategic investments that support sustainability, innovation and economic growth and to working with communities and industry to develop a fair, lasting strategy to create more jobs, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to establishing BC as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies, recognizes the talent, creativity and entrepreneurial potential of the diverse peoples who live here, and is committed to ensuring that the benefits of technology and innovation are felt around the province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 20 to 26, 2019, shall be known as

"Small Business 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 ninth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor