



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 almost 1.2 million British Columbians, plays a vital role in sustaining the province's private sector economy and remains a significant source of strength and resilience in the provincial economy, and

WHEREAS in 2020, British Columbia led all provinces with the highest number of small businesses per capita, with the small business sector providing almost \$15 billion in exports and generating about a third of the province's GDP, and

WHEREAS small businesses are vital to all sectors of the economy in British Columbia, and are a key source of innovation, resilience, jobs and economic activity, productivity and diversification in regional communities, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to reducing costs for business owners; supporting business owners through impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery; helping British Columbia's businesses market their products and expand market access to the rest of Canada and abroad; and continuing to help the BC Small Business Roundtable provide an effective voice to government on policies and programs affecting small businesses, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to economic recovery and providing a positive environment for growth and innovation that benefits and supports businesses across the province, and

WHEREAS the provincial government recognizes the talent, creativity and entrepreneurial potential of the diverse peoples who live in this province and is committed to establishing British Columbia as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies and ensuring that the benefits of technology and innovation are available to all in this province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 17 to 23, 2021, 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 seventh day of October, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor