



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, and

WHEREAS British Columbia ranks second among the provinces in 2017 for small businesses per capita, and

WHEREAS the small business sector plays a vital role in growing the province's private sector economy, and provided approximately \$18 billion in exports in 2016, and generated approximately 35 percent of our province's gross domestic product in 2017, and

WHEREAS small businesses form the backbone of all sectors of the economy and all British Columbia 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 helping British Columbia businesses expand market access to the rest of Canada and abroad; and continuing to support small business stakeholders to provide an effective voice to government for policies and programs impacting 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 working with communities and industry to develop a fair, lasting strategy to create good jobs, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to establishing British Columbia 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 14 to 20, 2018 shall be known as

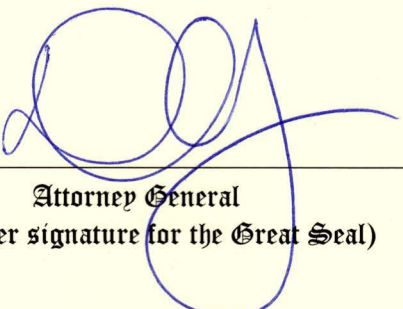
“Small Business Week”

in the Province of British Columbia.

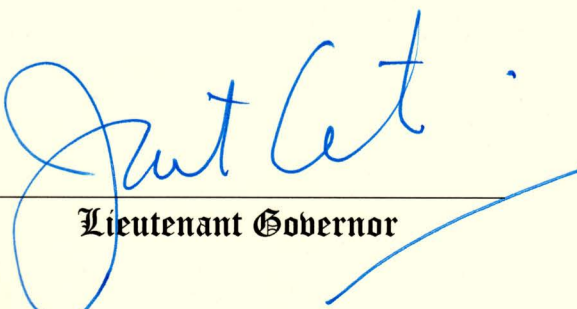
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this fifth day of October, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor