



**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 the government of British Columbia promotes multiculturalism and the full and free participation of all individuals in society, and

WHEREAS British Columbians of diverse heritages, including those of English, Portuguese, Greek, Bulgarian, Georgian, Palestinian, Ethiopian, Serbian, Slovenian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Montenegrin and Catalonian heritages, mark April 23 with a civic and festive celebration that includes traditional feasts, dancing, poetry and many other cultural activities to revere and honour St. George, and

WHEREAS St. George is the patron saint of England, Portugal, Georgia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Herzegovina, the Republic of Macedonia and many cities across Europe, and

WHEREAS British Columbians whose heritage includes the celebration of St. George contribute in many ways to the prosperity and cultural diversity of British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 23, 2021, shall be known as

**“St. George’s Day”**

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 twenty-first day of April, 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