



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 government of British Columbia recognizes the importance of multilingualism and multiculturalism, and

WHEREAS Swahili is the 10th most widely spoken language in the world, with 200 million speakers globally and more than 3 300 speakers in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS in November 2021, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared July 7 as World Kiswahili (Swahili) Language Day, and

WHEREAS Swahili Community Week is an opportunity to promote unity among all Swahili-speaking communities, to increase awareness of the community's values and to educate society on issues affecting Swahili-speaking communities in the province, and

WHEREAS during the first week of July, the culture, history, traditions, achievements and contributions of Swahili-speaking British Columbians are recognized and celebrated throughout the province, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia embraces diversity in British Columbian communities and seeks to afford all the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Swahili-speaking British Columbians;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 2 to 9, 2022, shall be known as

**“Swahili Community 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 twenty-ninth day of June, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor