



**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 is a culturally diverse province comprising many peoples and communities,  
and

WHEREAS Tamil people have established deep roots and flourished in communities across the province,  
thereby enriching the social, economic and political fabric of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the history and essential role of the Tamil  
community in the province, and

WHEREAS January is an important month for Tamil British Columbians, with the Tamil Harvest Festival,  
Thai Pongal, taking place in January, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia acknowledges the strength and resiliency of the Tamil  
community in overcoming hardships and advocating for social justice and equality for all, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia encourages everyone to learn more about the history of  
Tamil Canadians and to reflect on their many contributions to this province;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that January 2022 shall be known as


**“Tamil Heritage Month”**

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 December, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth  
year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

  
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Lieutenant Governor