# 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 tourism builds attractive, livable communities that foster our culture, heritage and environment, and

WHEREAS travel and tourism create opportunities for domestic and international visitors to discover the beauty of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS BC is committed to true partnership with Indigenous peoples based on rights, reconciliation and respect, and

WHEREAS BC's Indigenous tourism sector is well established and has great potential for helping Indigenous peoples build capacity towards self-determination, and

WHEREAS BC wishes to preserve and promote the living culture and rich heritage of Indigenous peoples through tourism, and

WHEREAS tourism is an important source of economic activity, creating jobs and prosperity in small communities across British Columbia, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, BC's tourism industry generated $18.4 billion in tourism revenues, directly employing 137 000 people and paying $4.9 billion in wages and salaries, and, in that year, 21.6 million people enjoyed an overnight trip in BC, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, BC saw a 6.4% increase in international overnight visitors compared to 2017;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 26 to June 2, 2019 shall be known as
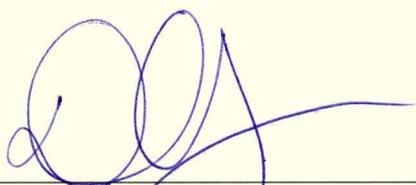
**"Tourism Week"**

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 first day of May, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

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Lieutenant Governor