



**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 Tzu Chi Foundation Canada, founded in 1992, and adhering to the teaching of Master Cheng Yen, founder of Tzu Chi Foundation in Taiwan, has dedicated itself to spreading love and compassion in Canada and British Columbia, particularly in Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and Indigenous communities, and

WHEREAS Tzu Chi Foundation Canada's members have been serving the communities of British Columbia continuously for up to 27 years by visiting seniors' residences and care homes; providing free traditional Chinese medicine clinics to Indigenous people and community health centres; engaging in community services, including food banks and street cleaning; providing bursaries and breakfasts for students and relief to the homeless, underprivileged and victims of disasters; engaging in eco-conservation; donating raised funds to major hospitals; hosting citizenship swearing-in ceremonies; and engaging fellow British Columbians to practice Tzu Chi principles of "gratitude, respect and love," and

WHEREAS Tzu Chi Foundation Canada's members have exemplified their devotion, generosity and volunteerism, and their efforts have reflected the compassionate nature of Buddhism and the kindness of the Tzu Chi people, and

WHEREAS Tzu Chi Foundation Canada, in celebration of its 27th anniversary, cordially invites the citizens of British Columbia to celebrate, participate in and share the genuine spirit of love and compassion of Tzu Chi;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 12, 2019 shall be known as

**"Tzu Chi 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 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