



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 United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted, on December 4, 2000, a resolution naming June 20 every year as World Refugee Day to honour the courage, strength and resilience of forcibly displaced persons around the world, and

WHEREAS the 2022 theme of World Refugee Day recognizes that every person has a right to seek safety—whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee, and

WHEREAS with a long history of protecting and assisting refugees, Canada is signatory to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, and, in 2018, Canada adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and

WHEREAS Canada is undertaking one of the world's largest humanitarian resettlement programs with the commitment to resettle at least 40 000 Afghan refugees, and has created new immigration pathways to help displaced Ukrainians find safe harbour in Canada, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the fortitude and resilience of service provider organizations in providing continued support for refugees, refugee claimants and displaced Ukrainians in the province throughout multiple international crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS the government and the people of British Columbia work together to create inclusive communities where resources are available for refugees and their families to live dignified, healthy and safe lives;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 20, 2022, shall be known as

“World Refugee 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 Christopher Hinkson, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second 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)

Administrator