



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 High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to lead and coordinate international action to protect refugees and alleviate hardships encountered by refugees worldwide, and

WHEREAS it is important to recognize that Canada has a long history of protecting and assisting refugees, and is signatory to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, and

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on December 4, 2000 a resolution naming June 20 every year as World Refugee Day to bring attention to the plight of the world's refugees and to extend to them encouragement, support and respect, and

WHEREAS British Columbia upholds the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, adopted by the Government of Canada in 2018, and

WHEREAS World Refugee Day 2019 aims to stimulate global action to help rebuild the lives of any persons forced to leave their native land, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and its people continue to welcome refugees and make resources available for refugees and their families to live a dignified life free of fear;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 20, 2019 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-ninth day of May, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor