

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 government of British Columbia respects human rights and freedom for all, without religious discrimination, and

WHEREAS on September 23, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate the first week of February as World Interfaith Harmony Week in a call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding between people of all religions, convictions and beliefs, and

WHEREAS the celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week calls upon groups of goodwill, people of different faiths and those with no faith to recognize common values, and by cooperative measures enhance interfaith harmony and interreligious dialogue, and

WHEREAS in recognition and appreciation of the United Nation's efforts to foster a culture of peace and non-violence and to eliminate all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion, conviction or belief, the government of British Columbia invites the people of this province to join in observing World Interfaith Harmony Week;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 1 to 7, 2021, shall be known as

"World Interfaith Harmony 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 twenty-eighth day of January, two thousand twenty-one and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

Lieutenant Governor

BY COMMAND.

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