



# Canada

## Province of British Columbia

### A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS British Columbia is a culturally, ethnically, racially and religiously diverse province comprising many peoples and communities, and

WHEREAS people of African descent have been a fundamental part of British Columbia since at least 1858, and have helped shape the cultural, economic, political and social development of the province, and

WHEREAS while Black people in British Columbia continue to build a more diverse and prosperous society, too many continue to face anti-Black racism individually and systemically, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes the leadership of Black people in Canada and their commitment to justice and advocacy, and the government of British Columbia is committed to addressing all forms of anti-Black racism through initiatives, programs and policies, and

WHEREAS Black History Month is a time to honour, celebrate and reflect upon the stories, experiences and accomplishments of Black people in British Columbia and across the country;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 2026 shall be known as

**“Black History Month”**

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 Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighteenth day of December, two thousand twenty-five and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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*[Signature]*  
Acting Attorney General

*Wendy Cocchia*  
Lieutenant Governor