



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

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

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS Two-Spirit resurgence is part of a healing and decolonizing process and is extremely important for the growth of community, and

WHEREAS an increase in Two-Spirit community visibility improves health outcomes of community members and contributes to a society in which all individuals are valued and celebrated for their unique identities and contributions, and

WHEREAS the Two-Spirit community has advocated for an increase in awareness and for celebration of their unique ways of being, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed to forging strong relationships with Indigenous communities through ongoing communication and collaborative partnerships, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia is committed through the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* to fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that March 20, 2023, shall be known as

“Two-Spirit Celebration and Awareness 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 sixteenth day of March, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor