



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 in 1873 the Parliament of Canada established a police force named the North-West Mounted Police to enforce the law in Canada's newly acquired territory in Western Canada, and

WHEREAS in 1919 the Parliament of Canada voted to form a national police force by merging the North-West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police of Eastern Canada, and on February 1, 1920, the newly formed police force was named the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and

WHEREAS on August 15, 1950, the British Columbia Provincial Police was dissolved, and 495 of 525 officers remained to form the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "E" Division, and

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has continued to grow as a police force with jurisdiction in eight provinces and three territories and, through its national police services, offers resources and support to other Canadian law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS today the scope of services and operations of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada has expanded and includes enforcement against organized crime, terrorism, illicit drugs, economic crimes and offences that threaten the integrity of Canada's national borders, and

WHEREAS the employees of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have given much to our communities in terms of service and sacrifice, and

WHEREAS there is a need to recognize, to show appreciation for and to celebrate the history and role of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force in British Columbia on the centennial anniversary of its inception in Canada;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 1, 2020, shall be known as

**"Royal Canadian Mounted Police Appreciation 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-second day of November, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.