



**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 diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS Sikhs have been an influential and impactful part of British Columbia since the turn of the 19th century, and they have endured many hardships while contributing to the growth and success of the province, and

WHEREAS Sant Teja Singh was a humanitarian, scholar and tireless advocate for Sikhs in Canada who dedicated his life to challenging inequality, fighting for a just society and serving without discrimination in accordance with the tenets of Sikhism, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia honours the history and culture of Sikhs in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS July 1 is recognized and celebrated as Sant Teja Singh Day by Sikh communities in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 1, 2022, shall be known as

**“Sant Teja Singh 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 June, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor