



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 ecological reserves are established to protect rare species, special features of biological and geological importance, and representative examples of natural ecosystems in British Columbia for scientific study and educational purposes, and

WHEREAS as a key component of British Columbia’s protected areas system, ecological reserves are established to maintain biological diversity and protect genetic materials, and

WHEREAS with the *Ecological Reserves Act* coming into force on April 2, 1971, British Columbia became the first province in Canada to give permanent protected status to ecological reserves, and

WHEREAS this year marks the 50th anniversary of the *Ecological Reserves Act*, and

WHEREAS Ecological Reserves Day is an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions of First Nations, Indigenous and environmental organizations, public stakeholders, government agencies and industry representatives to the stewardship of ecological reserves in British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 2, 2021, shall be known as

**“Ecological Reserves 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 first day of April, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

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

Lieutenant Governor