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 British Columbia is renowned for its multiculturalism and now has the second highest proportion of foreign-born residents in Canada, and

WHEREAS over the past four decades, immigrants have added to B.C.’s diversity by bringing their culture, customs and heritage which has resulted in a rich blend of various traditions and languages, and

WHEREAS learners of English as a second language are represented by a large cross section of individuals that includes students of elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, public and private schools, and adult education students, all pursuing literacy and basic skills, and

WHEREAS the professional association of British Columbia Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL) is hosting “EAL Week” on November 16th to 22nd, 2014, consisting of student activities, a volunteer appreciation event and a professional development event to celebrate B.C.’s multicultural diversity and the thousands of individuals who are involved in the profession of English language teaching and learning;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that the week of November 16th to 22nd, 2014, shall be known as

“EAL Week”

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 to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first day of October, two thousand fourteen and in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

[Signatures]

Attorney General and Minister of Justice
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor