



  
Lieutenant Governor

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 Canadian servicemen and women married foreign nationals while overseas during the Second World War and some 65,000 war brides and their dependents immigrated to Canada to start new lives, and

WHEREAS during and after the war these war brides left their family, friends and home countries to settle in their new homes, raise families and adapt to a new culture as new Canadians, and

WHEREAS the war brides, along with their returning husbands, became the new workers, entrepreneurs and leaders of the burgeoning Canadian economy as well as providing the solid foundation for the next generation of Canadians, and

WHEREAS the immigration to Canada of this unique group of women and children is unprecedented and represents an important part of Canadian history that deserves recognition, and

WHEREAS 2006 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the majority of the war brides in Canada, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that 2006 shall be known as

**“THE YEAR OF THE WAR BRIDE”**

in 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 Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this third day of April, two thousand six and in the fifty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTICULTURALISM