

Proclamation

BILL M 202 -- 1996 BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACT

WHEREAS the first Black settlers arrived in Esquimalt, British Columbia on April 25, 1858;

AND WHEREAS the history of Black persons in British Columbia reveals courage and resourcefulness in helping to establish British Columbia as vibrant province;

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to preserving and enhancing the heritage of British Columbians by recognizing the variety and integrity of our pioneers;

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia acknowledges that the history of Black British Columbians has enriched British Columbia;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Establishing Black History Month

1 The month of February each year will be Black History Month throughout British Columbia.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on Royal Assent.

Explanatory Note

This Bill declares the month of February to be Black History Month in British Columbia on an annual basis.