BC Initiative to Support Proclamation of Vancouver Island as a New Province of Canada

PETITION

To The Honourable the legislative Assembly
of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents of British Columbia, states that:

WHEREAS Vancouver Island had the first parliament in British North America west of the Province of Canada (Ont/Que), being granted authority to elect an assembly when created in 1849, after residents submitted Petitions to the United Kingdom expressing their wish for democratic self-government; and

WHEREAS Vancouver Island has some 765,000 residents, greater than six of Canada's provinces and territories, some five times the population and five times the area of Prince Edward Island, a self-governing province; and

WHEREAS the lands and waters comprising Vancouver Island are ecologically, economically and culturally rich – fostering the tenets of stewardship, practices of sustainable development, and the values of self reliance and an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS provincial boundaries are now being considered in Canada's north, and were re-drawn in the past in matters particular to the BC/Alaskan panhandle, and Newfoundland and Quebec; and

WHEREAS our wish to have the Province of Vancouver Island proclaimed is a natural step in the progress and development of our Island society, and Vancouver Islanders have now reached a point where we are able and eager to handle our own affairs, shape the path ahead, and have an honest and open discussion about our common future on Canada's west coast,

THEREFORE

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House call upon the government of Canada to recognize the rights and wishes of residents of Vancouver Island for representation by population, and democratic self-government; and

FURTHER request that the government of Canada take suitable measures that will lead to the Proclamation of the Province of Vancouver Island by May 16, 2021… fully 150 years after British Columbia entered the Confederation of Canada.

- Original dated this thirteenth day of June, 2013.

Name (printed)	*Address in Full (printed)*	*Signature*

Please return this petition by mail, for submission to the House of Commons:
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