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GRENADA NATIONAL HONOURS ACT

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CHAPTER 130D
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An Act to enhance the spirit of patriotism among Grenadians by establishing a system of Grenadian National Honours, the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, and providing for the awarding and conferment of such Grenadian National Honours upon persons meriting same.

[Act No. 40 of 1994 amended by Act No. 4 of 1995.]

[9th December, 1994.]

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Grenada National Honours Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Grenada National Honours Order” means the national society of honour established by section 3 of this Act;

“Honours Council” means the National Honours Council;

“National Honours Council” means the National Honours Council of the Order of Grenada, which National Honours Council is established by section 8 of this Act;

“Order of Grenada” or “Order” means the Grenada National Honours Order.

3. Establishment and constitution of the Order of Grenada

(1) There is hereby established a national society of honour which shall be styled the Order of Grenada, which may be referred to as the Order, and which shall be the Grenada National Honours Order.

(2) The Order of Grenada shall consist of the Members and Honorary Members of the Order.

(3) Every citizen of Grenada who is designated the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada or to whom an Honour of the Order is awarded shall be a Member of the Order. The Order comprises the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada and the Honours of the Order.

(4) Every person other than a citizen of Grenada to whom an Honour of the Order is awarded, which award to a person other than a citizen of Grenada shall be on an honorary basis, shall be an Honorary Member of the Order.

(5) Appointments to the Order of Grenada shall be made by Instrument in the form set forth in the First Schedule, under the hand of the Governor-General as Chancellor, witnessed by the Secretary of the Order, and sealed with the Seal of the Order. Such appointments shall have effect from the date of the affixing of the seal unless another effective date is specified in the Instrument.

(6) A person shall not be a Member or Honorary Member of the Order of Grenada by reason only of his or her being a member of the National Honours Council of the Order appointed as such under section 8 or the Secretary or other official of the Order appointed as such under section 5.

4. Governor-General shall be Chancellor of the Order

(1) The Governor-General of Grenada, by virtue of being the holder of that office, shall be the Chancellor of the Order of Grenada.

(2) The Chancellor of the Order shall be charged with the administration of the Order.

5. Secretary and other officials of the Order

(1) The Governor-General shall designate a member of his or her staff as the Secretary of the Order. The Secretary shall have custody of the motifs, insignia, regalia, ribbons, medals, badges and all the records of the Order. He or she shall arrange for investitures and perform such other functions regarding the Order as he or she may be required by the Governor-General to perform.

(2) The Governor-General may appoint such other officials of the Order as may to him or her seem necessary.

6. Prestige of National Hero of Grenada

The Order of Grenada shall include the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada, which may be abbreviated to the letters "N.H.G."

7. Honours of the Order

The Order of Grenada shall include the Honours of the Order of Grenada and the Honours of the Order of Grenada shall be those, and may be abbreviated to the respective letters, set out next below—

- (i) Order of Grenada Commander ("O.G.C."),
- (ii) Marryshow Decoration for Excellence ("M.D.E."),
- (iii) Spice Isle Award ("S.I.A."),
- (iv) Camerhogne Memorial Award ("C.M.A."), and
- (v) National Medal of Honour ("N.M.H.").

8. Establishment and constitution of the National Honours Council

(1) There is hereby established the governing body of the Order of Grenada which may be styled the National Honours Council of the Order and which may be referred to as the National Honours Council or the Honours Council.

(2) The National Honours Council of the Order of Grenada shall consist of—

- (i) a Cabinet Minister designated for the purpose by the Prime Minister, such Minister being the Chairperson of the Honours Council; the Chief Justice or his or her nominee, such nominee being a Judge of the Supreme Court; the Secretary to the Cabinet; the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission,
- (ii) the Leader of the Opposition or his or her nominee,
- (iii) one representative each from the private commercial sector, farmers, employed workers, women and youth nominated in each case by such body representative of each such respective concern as invited to do so by the Governor-General, and
- (iv) seven persons representative of the general public one from each parish appointed by the Governor-General after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

(3) The members of the National Honours Council appointed under subsection (2)(iii) and (iv) are hereinafter referred to as the appointed members of the National Honours Council.

(4) Twelve members of the National Honours Council shall constitute a quorum:

Provided that such quorum shall include at least one member each from subsection (2)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv).

(5) The office of an appointed member of the National Honours Council shall become vacant—

- (a) if he or she resigns from that office by writing under his or her hand addressed to the Governor-General;
- (b) at the expiration of three years from the date of his or her appointment or at such earlier time as may be specified in the instrument by which he or she was appointed; or
- (c) at any time it is so declared by the Governor-General after consultation with the concern on whose nomination the member was appointed in the case of a person appointed under subsection (2)(iii) or after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the case of a person appointed under subsection (2)(iv).

(6) An appointed member of the National Honours Council whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(7) Appointments to the Honours Council of the Order of Grenada shall be made by Instrument in the form set forth in the Second Schedule, under the hand of the Governor-General as Chancellor, witnessed by the Secretary of the Order, and sealed with the Seal of the Order. Such appointments shall have effect from the date of the affixing of the Seal unless another effective date is specified in the Instrument.

9. Functioning of National Honours Council

(1) Decisions of the National Honours Council to approve or not approve nominations for awards of the Honours of the Order of Grenada shall require a majority of two-thirds of all the members of the Council.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the National Honours Council may deliberate and take decisions on any matter, including matters referred to in subsection (1), despite any vacancy in its membership.

10. Designation of a National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”)

(1) A person shall be honoured as a National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”) if a resolution for that purpose is supported by the votes of three-fourths of all the members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate respectively:

Provided that if the three-fourths needed in the Senate for such a resolution is not obtained but at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate support that resolution, if following such vote in the Senate the House of Representatives again supports the resolution by the votes of three-fourths of all its members, the person named in the resolution shall be honoured as a National Hero of Grenada.

(2) If a resolution under subsection (1) is passed honouring a person as a National Hero of Grenada, the Governor-General shall designate that person a National Hero of Grenada by Instrument in the form set forth in the First Schedule under his or her hand as Chancellor, witnessed by the Secretary of the Order, and sealed with the Seal of the Order. Such an award shall have effect from the date of the fixing of the Seal unless another effective date is specified in the Instrument and shall be conferred in investitures which shall be conducted by the Governor-General as Chancellor.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby provided that the honouring of a person as a National Hero of Grenada, naming and designating him or her as such, shall not be matters for the Honours Council.

11. Nominations for awards of Honours

(1) The Honours Council of the Order of Grenada shall—

- (a) consider nominations of persons of merit together with supporting material received by the Honours Council for awards of Honours of the Order, and, having considered such nominations and supporting material, shall decide which of such nominees shall be offered which awards of the Honours of the Order, approving and disapproving such nominations according to its best judgement and in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (b) annually compile separate lists in respect of the different Honours of the Order awarded to nominees and forward same to the Prime Minister;
- (c) advise the Prime Minister in respect of any other matter concerning the Order referred to the Honours Council by the Prime Minister for consideration.

(2) When the Honours Council decides who of the nominees should be awarded which Honours of the Order, those nominees shall be entitled to be awarded those respective Honours of the Order, and those Honours shall be conferred on those persons in investitures which shall be conducted by the Governor-General as Chancellor.

(3) Any person or organisation may submit to the Honours Council for its consideration a nomination of a citizen of Grenada for an award of the Honours of the Order of Grenada.

(4) This section shall not apply to the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”).

(5) The Governor-General, by virtue of being the holder of that office, shall be invested with the Honour of the Order of Grenada Commander (“O.G.C.”) and that Honour shall be conferred on him or her in an investiture which shall be conducted by the Chief Justice or another Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the Chief Justice.

12. Nominations for honorary awards of Honours

(1) Distinguished citizens of countries other than Grenada whom Grenada desires to honour may be awarded Honours of the Order of Grenada on an honorary basis.

(2) Nominations for awards of Honours of the Order to persons other than citizens of Grenada may be made to the Governor-General as Chancellor only by the Prime Minister, but in making such nominations the Prime Minister shall consult the Honours Council.

(3) Citizens of Grenada shall not be eligible for an award of the Order on an honorary basis.

(4) This section shall not apply to the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”) since a person who is not a citizen of Grenada may not be designed the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada as provided by section 15(4).

13. Form of awards of National Hero and Honours

(1) Awards of the Honours of the Order of Grenada shall be made by Instrument in the form set forth in the First Schedule under the hand of the Governor-General as Chancellor, witnessed by the Secretary of the Order, and sealed with the Seal of the Order. Such awards shall have effect from the date of the fixing of the Seal unless another effective date is specified in the Instrument.

(2) Awards of the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada shall be in the form referred to in section 10(2).

14. Award of National Hero and Honours shall be published

The names of persons appointed to the Order of Grenada and designated National Heroes or awarded an Honour of the Order shall be announced publicly and shall be published in the *Gazette* as soon as may be after such designation or award is made.

15. National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”)

(1) The House of Representatives and the Senate may by resolution supported by the votes of three-fourths of all the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively resolve that a person may be honoured as a National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”) on account of his or her having made a particularly singular contribution to the boosting of the prestige of, and respect for, Grenada, productive of unusually outstanding national pride and unity, by unique achievements on his or her part in whatever way. In accordance with such a resolution the Governor-General shall designate that person a National Hero of Grenada under section 10:

Provided that if the three-fourths vote needed in the Senate for such a resolution is not obtained but at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate support that resolution, if following such vote in the Senate the House of Representatives again supports the resolution by the votes of three-fourths of all its members, the Governor-General shall designate that person a National Hero of Grenada under section 10.

(2) The Prestige of National Hero of Grenada shall be awarded only in Gold.

(3) An award of the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada shall be made only very rarely indeed and only in extremely exceptionally meritorious circumstances.

(4) No person may be designated the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada unless he or she is a citizen of Grenada.

16. Order of Grenada Commander (“O.G.C.”)

(1) The Order of Grenada Commander (“O.G.C.”) may be awarded to any person who by his or her distinguished achievements has brought international prestige to Grenada.

(2) The Order of Grenada Commander shall be awarded only in Gold.

(3) The Order of Grenada Commander may be awarded to only one citizen of Grenada in any year.

17. Marryshow Decoration for Excellence (“M.D.E.”)

(1) The Marryshow Decoration for Excellence (“M.D.E.”) may be awarded to any person who has rendered excellent, exemplary and outstanding service to Grenada, tending to promote unity, whether domestically in Grenada or as between Grenada and any other country.

(2) The Marryshow Decoration for Excellence shall be awarded only in Gold.

(3) The Marryshow Decoration for Excellence may be awarded to only one citizen of Grenada in any year.

18. Spice Isle Award (“S.I.A.”)

(1) The Spice Isle Award (“S.I.A.”) may be awarded to any person who has rendered truly emulable service to Grenada in any field of human endeavour or for other humane action.

(2) The Spice Isle Award may be awarded only in Silver.

(3) The Spice Isle Award may be awarded to a maximum of two citizens of Grenada in any year.

19. Camerhogne Memorial Award. (“C.M.A.”)

(1) The Camerhogne Memorial Award (“C.M.A.”) may be awarded to any person who has rendered meritorious service to Grenada, in furtherance of national prestige or for gallantry.

(2) The Camerhogne Memorial Award may be awarded only in Silver.

(3) The Camerhogne Memorial Award may be awarded to a maximum of two citizens of Grenada in any year.

20. National Medal of Honour (“N.M.H.”)

(1) The National Medal of Honour (“N.M.H.”) may be awarded to any person for meritorious and productive service to Grenada in any field of human endeavour including, but not limited to, agriculture, business, sports and protection of the environment.

(2) The National Medal of Honour may be awarded only in Bronze.

(3) The National Medal of Honour may be awarded to a maximum of three citizens of Grenada in any year.

21. Exceeding prescribed numbers of awards of Honours

Where in any year exceptional circumstances so warrant, the Governor-General may on the advice of the Honours Council, and if the Prime Minister agrees, make awards of the Honours of the Order of Grenada in excess of the maximum number of awards prescribed by sections 16 to 20.

22. Posthumous awards of National Hero and Honours

The Prestige of National Hero of Grenada and any Honour of the Order of Grenada may be awarded posthumously.

23. Designations

(1) A person who has been designated a National Hero of Grenada or on whom an Honour of the Order of Grenada has been conferred shall be entitled to—

- (i) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed by the Governor-General for National Hero or for the respective Honour;
- (ii) wear the same at all ceremonial occasions; and
- (iii) have placed after his or her name the letters pertaining to National Hero or the respective Honour, which letters are set out in sections 6 and 7.

(2) A person who is designated a National Hero of Grenada shall be entitled to be addressed and referred to as “His Excellency” or “Her Excellency”.

(3) A person who is awarded the Order of Grenada Commander (“O.G.C.”) or the Marryshow Decoration for Excellence (“M.D.E.”) shall be entitled to be addressed and referred to as “The Honourable”, which may in writing be abbreviated as “The Hon.”.

24. Precedence

(1) The Order of Grenada shall rank above any honour or award conferred by any other state, nation, country, authority or power.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the State from conferring on persons awards other than National Hero of Grenada and the Honours of the Order of Grenada, but

National Hero of Grenada and the Honours of the Order of Grenada shall take precedence over all such other awards.

(3) National Hero and the Honours of the Order of Grenada shall, as among themselves, rank in descending order of precedence according as they appear in sections 6 and 7 so that the most esteemed award shall be National Hero of Grenada (“N.H.G.”) followed next by the Order of Grenada Commander (“O.G.C.”).

(4) Where different persons hold the same Honour of the Order of Grenada, the order of precedence shall be—

- (i) in accordance with the numerical priority of the Honour, or
- (ii) the date of conferment of the Honour where the dates differ.

25. Termination of membership of the Order

(1) A person shall cease to be a Member or Honorary Member of the Order of Grenada upon—

- (i) his or her death,
- (ii) his or her resignation from the Order, which shall have effect as from the date on which his or her resignation in writing is accepted by the Governor-General as Chancellor, or
- (iii) the revocation of his or her award by the Governor-General as Chancellor, which revocation the Governor-General as Chancellor is hereby empowered to effect for cause appearing to him or her to be just and sufficient after consultation with the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Honours Council.

(2) Termination of membership of the Order under subsection (1)(i) shall not affect the entitlement of the name of the person to be styled appropriately to the position in the Order to which he or she belonged or would have belonged had he or she been alive. Termination of membership of the Order under subsection (1)(ii) and (iii) shall disentitle a person of any connection to the Order.

26. Seal

(1) There shall be a Seal of the Order, which Seal of the Order shall be as prescribed by the Governor-General. The Seal of the Order shall be in the custody of the Chancellor.

(2) No appointment to the Order of Grenada or to the Honours Council of the Order of Grenada, no award of National Hero nor of any Honour of the Order of Grenada, no appointment of the Secretary or other official of the Order or the Honours council, and no revocation of any such appointment or award shall have effect unless it has been sealed with the Seal of the Order.

27. Schedules may be amended

The Governor-General may by order published in the *Gazette* amend the Schedules.

28. Regulations

(1) The Governor-General may make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing—

- (a) for medals, badges and other awards for such services or acts as may be prescribed;

- (b) for investitures in relation to National Hero or the Honours referred to in this Act, and the motifs, insignia, regalia, and ribbons of each such Honour;
- (c) for the wearing of insignia, regalia, ribbons, medals and badges issued in relation to National Hero or any Honour under this Act and for any other right or privilege appurtenant to the conferment of National Hero or any such Honour; and
- (d) for the prevention of abuses in the wearing of insignia, regalia, ribbons, medals and badges issued in relation to National Hero or any Honour under this Act, or in assuming any style or title assigned to National Hero or any such Honour.

(2) Regulations made under this Act shall be laid before the Senate and the House of Representatives.

29. Expenses of Order to be charged on Consolidated Fund

The expenses needed to finance the operations of the Order of Grenada shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

30. Application

Unless the contrary is otherwise provided specifically or is required by the context, provisions regarding awards of Honours of the Order apply also to honorary awards of the Order.

First Schedule

GRENADA NATIONAL HONOURS ACT

Instrument Appointing a Member of the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, and Awarding the Prestige of National Hero of Grenada/Honour of

[Sections 3(5), 13 and 27.]

OF THE ORDER OF GRENADA

(SEAL)

Affixed by

.....
Governor-General as Chancellor of the Order of Grenada.

TO:

GREETINGS:

In pursuance of the provisions of the Grenada National Honours Act, 1994, establishing and constituting the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, and by the virtue and in exercise of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby appoint you a Member/Honorary Member of the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, and Designate you a National Hero of Grenada/Award you the Honour of

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.....

of the Order of Grenada

GIVEN at Government House at St. George's, under my hand and the Seal of the Order of Grenada this day of 20....., in the Year of Independence.

Governor-General as Chancellor of the Order of Grenada

By Command of the House of Representatives and the Senate/Honours Council of the Order of Grenada.

Witnessed by:

.....
Secretary of the Order of Grenada

Second Schedule

GRENADA NATIONAL HONOURS ACT

Instrument Appointing a Member of the National Honours Council of the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada

[Sections 8(7) and 27.]

(SEAL)

Affixed by

.....
Governor-General as Chancellor of the Order of Grenada.

TO:

GREETINGS:

In pursuance of the provisions of the Grenada National Honours Act, 1994, establishing and constituting the National Honours Council of the Grenada National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, and by the virtue and in exercise of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby appoint you a member of the National Honours Council of the Grenada

National Honours Order, the Order of Grenada, for the period
..... for the effectuating of the purposes of the National Honours Council aforesaid.

GIVEN at Government House at St. George's, under my hand and the Seal of the Order of Grenada this , day of, 20....., in the Year of Independence.

Governor-General as Chancellor of the Order of Grenada

Witnessed by:

Secretary of the Order of Grenada

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No Subsidiary Legislation
