

**CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 1) BILL, 2025**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

This Bill seeks to amend Schedule 3 to the Constitution and Schedule 1 to the Courts Order to change the Oath of Allegiance from “His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors’ to “Grenada”.

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**Sen. The Hon. Claudette Joseph**  
**ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

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**GRENADA**

**ACT NO. OF 2025**

**AN ACT** to amend Schedule 3 to the Constitution and Schedule 1 to the Courts Order to change the Oath of Allegiance.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Grenada, and by the authority of the same as follows—

**Short title and commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the

**CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 1) ACT, 2025.**

- (2) This Act shall enter into force on the 1st day of August, 2025.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act—

“**oath**” includes affirmation;

“**the Constitution**” means the Constitution of Grenada, set out in Schedule 1 to the Grenada Constitution Order 1973, S.I. 1973 No. 2155 [UK]; and

“**the Courts Order**” means the Courts Order referred to in sections 39 and 105 of, and Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Constitution.

**Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Constitution**

3. Schedule 3 to the Constitution in the Oath of Allegiance is amended by deleting the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors”, and substituting therefor the word “Grenada”; in relation to the following provisions of the Constitution—

- (i) section 20 (Governor-General taking oath);
- (ii) section 40 (Member of the Houses of Parliament taking oath);
- (iii) section 65 (Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries taking oath);
- (iv) section 95(1) (Citizen by marriage taking oath); and
- (v) section 98 (Citizen by marriage taking oath).

**Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Courts Order**

4. (1) Schedule 1 to the Courts Order is amended in the Oath of Allegiance and the Affirmation of Allegiance, by deleting the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors”, and substituting therefor the word “Grenada”.

(2) Schedule 1 to the Courts Order is amended in the Oath for due execution of office and the Affirmation for due execution of office, by deleting the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third”, and substituting therefor the word “Grenada”.

**Consequential Amendments to every relevant written law other than in the Constitution and the Courts Order**

5. (1) Where in any written law other than in the Constitution and the Courts Order provision is made for taking the Oath there appear in the Oath the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors”; those words shall be deleted, and there shall be substituted therefor the word ‘Grenada’; as in the First Schedule to the Oaths Act, Cap 217 of the 2010 Revised Laws of Grenada.

(2) Where in any written law other than in the Constitution and the Courts Order provision is made for taking the oath for due execution of office there appear in such oath the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third”, those words shall be deleted, and there shall be substituted therefor the word ‘Grenada’; as in the Judicial Oath in the First Schedule to the Oaths Act, Cap 217 of the 2010 Revised Laws of Grenada.

(3) Where in any written law prescribing an oath there appear the words ‘our Sovereign Lord the King’, those words shall be deleted, and there shall be substituted therefor the words ‘the people of Grenada’; as in sections 20, 23, 27 and 28 of the Oaths Act, Cap 217 of the 2010 Revised Laws of Grenada.

(4) Section 9 of the Oaths Act, Cap 217 of the 2010 Revised Laws of Grenada, is repealed.

**Transitional Provisions as to Oath of Allegiance**

6. (1) On the expiry of twelve hours immediately following the commencement of the appointed day, the Oath of Allegiance sworn or solemnly affirmed to by any functionary prior to the appointed day shall cease to have force, and such functionary shall, within seven (7) days immediately following the commencement of the appointed day, swear or solemnly affirm to the Oath of Allegiance which shall come into force with effect from the commencement of the appointed day—

Provided that if for any reason any functionary did not swear or solemnly affirm to the Oath of Allegiance within those said seven (7) days such functionary shall be deemed to have sworn or solemnly affirmed thereto immediately upon the expiry of those said seven (7) days.

(2) In this section—

“appointed day” means the 1st day of August 2025.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July



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**Clerk to the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate this                      day of                      , 2025.

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**Clerk to the Senate**