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I Assent,

J.B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

11th August, 1994.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 10 of 1994.

AN ACT to provide for the recognition of persons who perform heroic acts or render heroic services to Antigua and Barbuda in particular or to humanity at large, for the bestowal of the highest honour created under the Act on such persons and for other matters connected therewith.

[18th August, 1994]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the National Heroes Act 1994.

Short title.

2. (1) There is established and constituted a society of honour to be known as the Order of National Hero.

Establishment
Order.

(2) The Governor-General shall be the Chancellor for the Order and shall, as the holder of the office of Chancellor, be responsible for the administration of the Order.

(3) The Order of National Hero shall be the highest award in Antigua and Barbuda and shall have the rank and precedence above all other Orders.

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Constitution of the
Order.

3. (1) Every person upon whom the Order of National Hero is conferred is a member of the Order.

(2) The Senior Executive Officer of the Governor General's office shall be the secretary to the Order of National Hero and he shall maintain the records of the Order, arrange for investiture and perform such other functions in respect of the Order as the Governor General may require him to perform.

(3) The Governor General may appoint such other officials for the Order as he deems necessary.

Advisory
Committee.

4. (1) There shall for the purposes of this Act, be an Advisory Committee, in this Act referred to as "the Committee".

(2) The Committee shall consist of the following—

- (a) one person appointed by the Governor General;
- (b) two persons nominated by the Senate from among the members of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of Her Majesty's Opposition and appointed by the Governor-General;
- (c) four persons nominated by the House of Representatives from among the members of the House of Representatives of whom one shall be a member of Her Majesty's Opposition to be appointed by the Governor-General.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act the appointment of a member of the Committee shall be for the duration of Parliament and all members shall cease to be members of the Committee when Parliament is dissolved.

(4) The Governor-General shall appoint the chairman of the Committee from among the members of the Committee.

(5) The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the Secretary to the Committee.

(6) The quorum of the Committee for the transaction of business shall be the chairman and three other members.

(7) The expenses of the Committee shall be paid out of the funds provided for the purpose by Parliament.

5. (1) The Committee shall, with a view to the proper performance of its functions in relation to the Order of National Hero established under this Act, make such investigations as it considers proper and necessary to determine persons, living or dead who may be recognised and, upon whom the honour of National Hero may be conferred.

Functions of the committee.

(2) The Committee shall, subject to subsection (1) make a report of the results of its investigations to the Prime Minister who shall then advise the Governor General accordingly.

6. Any person or organization may submit to the Committee for its consideration, a nomination of a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda who, in the opinion of such person or organization, has performed an heroic act or rendered an heroic service to Antigua and Barbuda or to humanity at large for recognition and conferment of the honour of National Hero.

Nominations for the award.

7. (1) The Governor General may, subject to section 6, by instrument under the seal of the Order confer the honour of National Hero upon any citizen of Antigua and Barbuda who has performed an heroic act or rendered an heroic service to Antigua and Barbuda or to humanity at large.

Conferment of the Honour of National Hero.

(2) The honour of National Hero may be conferred upon a person posthumously or during his life time.

(3) Where the instrument by which the honour of a National Hero is conferred upon a person is published in the *Gazette*, the Attorney General may, by Order, declare the person named in the instrument as a National Hero

8. (1) Every person upon whom the honour of National Hero is conferred is entitled—

Designation.

(a) to wear as decoration the insignia of the Order of National Hero presented by the Governor General; and

(b) to be styled "the Right Honourable".

(2) When worn in Antigua and Barbuda, the Order of National Hero shall be worn on the left breast and takes precedence over all other decorations.

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Regulations.

9. The Governor-General may, on the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Committee, make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of the Act.

Passed the House of Representatives
this **30th** day of June, 1994.

S.C. Benjamin,
Deputy Speaker.

S. Walker,
*Acting Clerk to the House of Representa-
tives.*

Passed the Senate this 14th
day of July, 1994.

M. Percival,
President.

S. Walker,
Acting Clerk to the Senate.

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