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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would provide for the conferment of the Order of Freedom of Barbados and for related matters.

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to provide for the conferment of the Order of Freedom of Barbados
and for related matters

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Order of Freedom of Barbados Act, 2019*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “Order” means the Order of Freedom of Barbados constituted by section 3.

Constitution of the Order

3.(1) The Order of Freedom of Barbados is hereby constituted.

(2) The Order shall comprise members who are eligible for the conferment of the Order pursuant to section 7.

Chancellor

4.(1) The Governor-General shall be the Chancellor of the Order and shall be responsible for the administration of the Order.

(2) In the absence of the Governor-General, the person for the time being performing the functions of the office of the Governor-General shall discharge the functions of the Chancellor of the Order.

(3) The Chancellor

(a) shall appoint a person to be the Secretary of the Order; and

(b) may appoint such other officials to assist in the administration of the Order as he considers necessary for the purpose.

(4) A person is not a member of the Order by reason of the fact only that he is an official of the Order.

Duties of Secretary

5. The Secretary of the Order shall
- (a) maintain the records of the Order;
 - (b) arrange investitures; and
 - (c) perform such other functions in respect of the Order as the Governor-General may from time to time direct.

Seal

- 6.(1) The Order shall have an official Seal.
- (2) The Governor-General shall have the custody of the Seal of the Order.

Eligibility for Conferment of Order

- 7.(1) A person who
- (a) was born in Barbados;
 - (b) is a citizen of Barbados; or
 - (c) is entitled to be registered as a citizen of Barbados

and who has distinguished himself by extraordinary service to Barbados, the Caribbean, the Caribbean Diaspora or to humanity at large is eligible to be conferred with the Order of Freedom of Barbados.

- (2) An honorary conferment of the Order may be made to a person who
- (a) is not a citizen of Barbados, and who has distinguished himself by extraordinary service to Barbados, the Caribbean, the Caribbean Diaspora or to humanity at large; or
 - (b) is a Head of State or Government.

Conferment of Order

8.(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor-General may by instrument under the Seal of the Order confer the Order of Freedom of Barbados upon a person referred to in section 7.

(2) The power conferred on the Governor-General by subsection (1) shall be exercised by him on the advice of the Prime Minister.

(3) The conferment of the Order shall take effect from the date of the affixing of the Seal or from such other date as may be specified in the instrument.

(4) No more than two honorary Orders may be conferred in any one calendar year and shall be conferred at any time deemed appropriate by the Prime Minister.

(5) The Order of Freedom of Barbados shall be conferred on a person referred to in section 7(1) on Independence Day.

Publication

9. The Prime Minister shall by order published in the *Official Gazette* publish the name or names of persons upon whom the Order of Freedom of Barbados is conferred.

Designation, insignia and post nominals

10.(1) A person referred to in section 7(1) upon whom the Order has been conferred

(a) shall be referred to as “the Most Honourable”;

(b) is entitled to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the Order of Freedom of Barbados; and

(c) is entitled to have the letters “FB” place after his name on all occasions when the use of letters after a name is customary.

(2) For the purpose of this section the letters “FB” means Freedom of Barbados.

(3) The Prime Minister shall prescribe the insignia of the Order.

Regulations

11.(1) The Governor-General may make regulations providing for

- (a) the Seal and motto of the Order;
- (b) investitures in relation to the Order;
- (c) the wearing of insignia issued in relation to the Order;
- (d) the prevention of abuses in the wearing of insignia issued in relation to the Order; and
- (e) generally giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) All regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2019.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2019.

President