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An Act to provide for the conferment of the honour of National Hero and for related matters. 1998-10.

[20th April, 1998] Commence-
ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Order of National Heroes Act*. Short title.
2. In this Act "Order" means the Order of National Heroes constituted by section 3. Interpretation.
3. (1) The Order of National Heroes is hereby constituted. Constitution of Order of National Heroes.
- (2) The Order of National Heroes shall comprise members of the Order.
- (3) Every person upon whom the honour of National Hero has been conferred shall be a member of that Order.
4. (1) The Governor-General shall be the Chancellor of the Order and shall be responsible for the administration of the Order. Chancellor.
- (2) In the absence of the Governor-General, the person for the time being performing the functions of the office of 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

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

Conferment of honour.

6. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor-General may by instrument under the Seal of the Order confer the honour of National Hero upon any person referred to in section 8.

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

(3) An appointment to 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) The honour of National Hero may be conferred upon a person during his lifetime or posthumously.

Seal.

7. The Governor-General shall have the custody of the Seal of the Order.

Eligibility for appointment to Order.

8. A person

- (a) who was born in Barbados; or
- (b) who was at the time of his death
 - (i) a citizen of Barbados; or
 - (ii) entitled to be a citizen of Barbados

and who satisfies the criteria set out in the *Schedule* is eligible for the conferment of the honour of National Hero. Schedule.

9. The Prime Minister shall by order published in the *Official Gazette* publish the name or names of persons upon whom the honour of National Hero is conferred. Publication.

10. Every person upon whom the honour of National Hero has been conferred Designation and insignia.

- (a) is entitled to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the Order of National Heroes; and
- (b) shall be referred to as "Right Excellent".

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

- (a) for the Seal and motto of the Order;
- (b) for investitures in relation to the Order;
- (c) for the wearing of insignia and regalia issued in relation to the Order and for any other right of privilege appurtenant to the conferment of the honour of National Hero;
- (d) for the prevention of abuses in the wearing of insignia and regalia issued in relation to the Order; and
- (e) generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

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

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(Section 8)

Criteria for Eligibility

In determining the eligibility of a person referred to in section 8, the Prime Minister shall have regard to whether that person

- (a) has given outstanding service to Barbados and his contribution has altered the course of the history of Barbados;
- (b) has given service to Barbados which has been exemplified by visionary and pioneering leadership, extraordinary achievement and the attainment of the highest excellence which has redounded to the honour of Barbados;
or
- (c) has, through his heroic exploits and sacrifice, contributed to the improvement of the economic and social conditions of Barbados and Barbadians generally.