



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ACT NO. 7 OF 2002

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CHARLES J. ANTROBUS

Governor-General

25th February, 2002

[L.S.]

**AN ACT** to provide for the conferment of the honour of National Hero and incidental and connected matters.

[ 26th February, 2002 ]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Order of National Heroes Act, 2002. Short Title
2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires Interpretation  
“committee” means the National Heroes Advisory Committee.  
“Order” means the Order of National Hero constituted by section 3.
3. (1) The Order of National Hero is hereby constituted. Constitution of  
Order of National  
Hero  
(2) The Order of National Hero shall comprise of 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 Chancellor  
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 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 officials to assist in the administration of the Order as he considers necessary for the purpose.

Duties of Secretary

5. The Secretary of the Order shall

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

Establishment of Advisory Committee

6. (1) There shall be established a National Heroes Advisory Committee who shall be appointed by the Governor-General.

(2) The Committee shall be constituted as stated in the Schedule to this Act.

Functions of the Committee

7. (1) The Committee shall

- (a) receive and consider nominations of persons upon whom may be conferred the Order of National Hero established by this Act;
- (b) carry out investigations in order to determine persons upon whom the honour established by this Act may be conferred;
- (c) carry out such duties as the Governor-General may from time to time assign to the Committee.

(2) All deliberations of the Committee shall be held in camera.

(3) The Committee may in performance of its functions, consult with such other persons or bodies as it thinks necessary and all findings of the Committee shall be reported to the Governor-General who shall submit such report to the Cabinet for consideration.

(4) The expenses of the Committee shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Conferment of honour

8. (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 10 of this Act.

(2) The power conferred on the Governor-General under 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.

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

10. (1) A person

Qualification for  
conferment of the  
Order

(a) who was born in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; or

(b) who was at the time of his death

(i) a citizen of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; or

(ii) entitled to be a citizen of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and

(iii) who satisfies the criteria set out in subsection (2) of this section,

may be qualified for the conferment of the honour of National Hero.

(2) In determining the qualification of a person referred to in subsection (1) of this section, the Committee shall have regard to whether that person:

(a) has given outstanding service to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and his contribution has altered positively the course of the history of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

(b) has given service to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; or

(c) has, through his heroic exploits and sacrifice, contributed to the improvement of the economic, social or political conditions of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Vincentians generally.

(3) The Order of National Hero shall only be conferred upon a person who is dead.

- Publication 11. The Governor-General shall by order in the *Official Gazette*, publish the name or names of persons upon whom the honour of National Hero is conferred.
- Designation 12. Every person upon whom the honour of National Hero has been conferred shall be referred to as "Right Excellent".
- Regulations 13. The Governor-General may make regulations providing
- (a) for the Seal and motto of the Order;
  - (b) generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

### SCHEDULE

(section 6)

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of nine members as follows:

- (a) two persons appointed by the Governor-General,
- (b) three persons appointed by the Governor-General upon the advice of the Prime Minister,
- (c) one person appointed by the Governor General upon the advice of the Leader of the Opposition ,
- (d) three persons appointed by the Governor-General from a list of names submitted by the local non-governmental organisations, and such appointments shall be made after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 19th day of February, 2002.

NICOLE HERBERT  
Clerk of the House of Assembly (Ag.)

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