



Proclamation

NATIONAL HERO INDUCTION CEREMONY

19 JUNE 2016

in recognition of
National Heroes Day, 20th June 2016

WHEREAS, for the year two thousand and sixteen, the Government did select a person upon whom to confer the honour of being named a National Hero, we therefore gather today to pay tribute to this giant of Bermuda's development and to induct him into the Bermuda Hall of National Heroes where he will join Dame Lois Browne-Evans, Dr. Edgar Fitzgerald Gordon, Dr. Pauulu Roosevelt Osiris Nelson Brown Kamarakafego, Sir Henry James Tucker, Mary Prince, Gladys Carlyon de Courcy Misick Morrell and Sir Edward Trenton Richards,

LET IT NOW BE PROCLAIMED that The Honourable Sir John W. Swan, K.B.E., J.P., whose profound contributions have significantly shaped the growth and development of Bermuda and the lives of its people, fulfills the distinguished criteria established under Bermuda's National Heroes Guidelines,

AND WHEREAS The Honourable Sir John W. Swan, K.B.E., J.P. enjoys the distinction of being the longest serving Premier of Bermuda,

AND WHEREAS Sir John, through a long and distinguished career in real estate development, helped many Bermudians become homeowners and helped modernize the architectural landscape of the City of Hamilton,

AND WHEREAS Sir John further contributed to Bermuda's economic and social development through policies and practices initiated in his early government career, as Minister of Marine and Air Services and Minister of Immigration and Labour,

AND WHEREAS Sir John led negotiations of the USA-Bermuda Tax Convention which resulted in the implementation of a tax treaty between the United States of America and Great Britain on behalf of Bermuda, stimulating development of the insurance and reinsurance industries while further establishing the Island as a major offshore financial centre, and strengthening the Island's economy,

AND WHEREAS, in 1990, Sir John was appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (K.B.E.),

AND WHEREAS Sir John continues to play an active role in Bermuda through his philanthropic efforts, community uplift and by working to maintain and enhance international trade, politics and property development,

AND WHEREAS, Sir John, in the totality of a busy, outgoing and positive life, has made a significant and lasting contribution to Bermuda,

NOW THEREFORE I, the Honourable Michael H. Dunkley J.P., M.P., Premier of Bermuda, with pride, do hereby proclaim The Honourable Sir John W. Swan, K.B.E., J.P.
a National Hero of Bermuda.

HEREAFTER, he will be honoured on National Heroes Day.
19th June 2016