



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Preamble of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas states: "We the inheritors of and successors to this Family of Islands, recognizing the Supremacy of God and believing in the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individuals, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM IN SOLEMN PRAISE the Establishment of a Free and Democratic Sovereign Nation founded on Spiritual Value and in which no Man, Woman or Child shall ever be Slave or Bondsman to anyone or their Labour exploited or their Lives frustrated by deprivation, AND DO HEREBY PROVIDED by these Articles for the indivisible Unity and Creation under God of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas";

**AND WHEREAS**, the journey towards Independence was punctuated by several significant and historical events prior to the attainment of Independence including The Burma Road Riot, The General Strike, Black Tuesday, The Women's Suffrage Movement, and Majority Rule;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas will observe its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, with events locally and internationally leading up to The Bahamas Golden Jubilee;

**AND WHEREAS**, the overarching responsibilities of The National Independence Secretariat is to inspire, and inculcate the spirit of patriotism and civic values throughout The Bahamas while encouraging Bahamians to use their creativity and ingenuity in promoting Bahamian pride;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Philip E. Davis, Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 as "242 Day".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

PHILIP E. DAVIS

PRIME MINISTER