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**CONSTITUTION OF GRENADA (NAME OF STATE)**  
**(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *clauses* of the Bill for the *Constitution of Grenada (Name of State) (Amendment) Act*, its short title by its *clause 1(1)*, would amend the Constitution for one object, namely, the changing of the name of the State.

In the Constitution of Grenada, the executive authority, vested in Her Majesty, is of “Grenada”, by section 57(1); the Governor-General is of “Grenada”, section 19; Parliament is of “Grenada” and may make laws for “Grenada”, sections 23, 38; the Cabinet of Ministers is for “Grenada”, section 59(1); citizenship is of “Grenada”, section 96.

The change of the name of the State addressed in paragraphs 5 to 7 would be clarified by a reference to the geographical expanse of the State in clause 4 as replaced in paragraph 2.

From such provisions as those referred to in paragraph 2, the name of the State is “Grenada”.

“Grenada”, as the State, comprises three public islands, which are, Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

It is desirable to change the name of the State from “Grenada” to “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”; for purposes of inclusion, embracement and identity.

Such change of the name of the State entails an alteration of relevant provisions of the Constitution as those referred to in paragraph 2; as well as other relevant provisions of the Constitution Order and the other constitutional instruments.

These changes would be effected by the Bill, in *clauses 4 to 6*. *Clause 3* also refers.

*Clause 7* would amend section 107 of the Constitution to correct “Petit Martinique” to read “Petite Martinique”.

A transitional clause would make references in other existing laws and official documents to “Grenada” deemed to refer to “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”, by *clause 5*.

*Clause 1(2)* makes it clear that the Act shall be read and construed as altering the Constitution.

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**A. K. Cajeton Hood**  
**HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

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**CONSTITUTION OF GRENADA (NAME OF STATE)****(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016****GRENADA****ACT NO. 2016**

**AN ACT** to alter the Constitution of Grenada to change the name of the state from “Grenada” to “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Grenada, and by the authority of the same as follows—

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY****Short title, commencement and alteration of the Constitution**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the

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ACT, 2016.**

- (2) This Act shall come into effect on such date as may be appointed by Proclamation issued by the Governor-General and published in the *Gazette*; and different dates may be appointed for the various provisions of this Act.

- (3) This Act shall be read and construed as altering the Constitution.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act—

“**Constitution**” means the Constitution of Grenada which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Grenada Constitution Order 1973;

“**constitutional instruments**” includes the—

- (a) Grenada Constitution Order 1973;
- (b) Constitution of Grenada;
- (c) West Indies Associated States Supreme Court Order 1967;
- (d) West Indies Associated States (Appeals to Privy Council) Order 1967; and

- (e) West Indies Associated States (Appeals to Privy Council) (Grenada) Order 1967;

“**Constitution Order**” means the Grenada Constitution Order 1973;

## PART II

### SUBSTITUTION OF “GRENADA, CARRIACOU AND PETITE MARTINIQUE” FOR “GRENADA” AS THE NAME OF THE STATE

#### Alteration of Preamble to the Constitution

3. In the preamble to the Constitution, the word “Grenada” is deleted wherever it occurs and in each case there are substituted the words “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”.

#### Alteration of section 111 of the Constitution

4. Section 111 of the Constitution is altered—

- (i) in subsection (1), by inserting the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical order –

““Grenada” means Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique;”;

- (ii) by inserting the following new subsection –

“(1A) The territory of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique shall comprise the islands of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique and all other areas that were comprising Grenada on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1974 together with such areas as may be declared by Act of Parliament to form part of the territory of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.”.

#### Change of the name of the State from “Grenada” to “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”

5. Wherever in the Constitution, or the Constitution Order or any other of the constitutional instruments, or in any written law other than the constitutional instruments, there appears as the name of the State the word “Grenada” that word shall be deleted and there shall be substituted in each case as the name of the State the words “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”.

#### Consequential amendment to the Interpretation and General Provisions Act

6. The definition of “Grenada” in section 3 of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act, Chapter 153 is amended by deleting the words “includes Carriacou and Petite Martinique” and substituting the words “means Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”.

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**Alteration of section 107 of the Constitution**

7. Section 107 of the Constitution is altered in subsection (1) by deleting the words “Petit Martinique” and substituting the words “Petite Martinique”.

**PART III  
TRANSITIONAL**

**Transitional**

8. Provisions in laws and official documents in existence at the commencement of this Act referring to “Grenada” shall, as from the commencement of this Act, be deemed to be referring to “Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique”.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 21st day of June, 2016.

WILLAN THOMPSON  
**Clerk to the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate this 13th day of July, 2016.

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