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PEARLETTE LOUISY,
Governor-General.

September 30, 2015.

SAINT LUCIA

No. 18 of 2015

AN ACT to amend the National Honours and Awards Act, Cap. 17.08.

[12th October, 2015]

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Honours and Awards (Amendment) Act, 2015.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “principal Act” means the National Honours and Awards Act, Cap 17.08.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1) by inserting the following definition in its correct alphabetical sequence –

“ “authorised school” means a school authorised by the Governor General under section 8 of the Saint Lucia Cadet Corps Act, No. 23 of 2005, for the formation of a school Cadet Corps;”;

(b) by deleting subsection (2) and by substituting the following –

“(2) A reference in this Act to any of the following is a reference to the respective title of honour or award described in Schedule 1 –

(a) Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia;

(b) Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia;

(c) Saint Lucia Cross;

(d) Saint Lucia Medal of Honour;

(e) Saint Lucia Medal of Merit;

(f) Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal;

(g) National Service Cross; or

(h) National Service Medal.”; and

(c) by deleting subsection (3).

Amendment of section 4

4. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 4 and by substituting the following -

“4. COMPOSITION OF ORDER OF SAINT LUCIA

The Order of Saint Lucia comprises -

- (a) the Sovereign as its Head;
- (b) the Governor General as its Chancellor; and
- (c) the living holders of the following awards -
 - (i) Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia,
 - (ii) Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia,
 - (iii) Saint Lucia Cross,
 - (iv) Saint Lucia Medal of Honour,
 - (v) Saint Lucia Medal of Merit,
 - (vi) Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal,
 - (vii) National Service Cross,
 - (viii) National Service Medal.”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended -

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and by substituting the following -

“(1) There is established a standing committee to be known as the National Awards Committee comprising

—

- (a) a Chairperson who is a citizen of Saint Lucia appointed by the Governor General after consultation with the Prime Minister;

- (b) the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission and the Teaching Service Commission where both Commissions have one chairperson but otherwise by individual chairpersons if each Commission has its own chairperson;
 - (c) the Commissioner of Police;
 - (d) three persons who are citizens of Saint Lucia, representing the public appointed by the Governor General—
 - (i) two of whom shall be appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister, and
 - (ii) one of whom shall be appointed on the advice of the Leader of the Opposition.”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (7) and by substituting the following –
- “(7) The Committee may regulate its own procedure, except as specifically provided in this Act.”.

Amendment of section 8

6. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 8 and by substituting the following –

“8. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

The Committee shall—

- (a) consider nominations of any persons together with recommendations and supporting material received by the Committee for awards of Saint Lucia Cross, Saint Lucia Medal of Honour, Saint Lucia Medal of Merit, Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal, National Service Cross and National Service Medal;
- (b) compile separate lists in respect of each award and where applicable in respect of each class of the award, of those nominees to whom an award may be made;
- (c) forward to the Prime Minister the lists compiled under paragraph (b) with the recommendations respecting awards;

- (d) advise the Governor General in respect of any matter concerning the Order of Saint Lucia.”.

Amendment of section 9

7. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 9 and by substituting the following –

“9. NOMINATION

- (1) Any person or organisation may submit to the Committee for its consideration a nomination of a citizen of Saint Lucia for an award of Saint Lucia Cross, Saint Lucia Medal of Honour, Saint Lucia Medal of Merit and Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal.
- (2) (a) The Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, the Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission, the Commissioner of Police of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, the Chief Fire Officer of the Saint Lucia Fire Service or the Director of Correctional Services of the Saint Lucia Correctional Services may submit to the Committee for its consideration, a nomination of a citizen of Saint Lucia for an award of National Service Cross.
 - (b) Where the Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission is the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, a nomination may be made by the Chairperson in each capacity.
- (3) The Commissioner of Police of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, the Chief Fire Officer of the Saint Lucia Fire Service or the Director of Correctional Services of the Saint Lucia Correctional Services, the Commandant of the Saint Lucia Cadet Corps or the principal of an authorised school may submit to the Committee for its consideration a nomination of a citizen of Saint Lucia for an award of National Service Medal.

- (4) A distinguished citizen of a country other than Saint Lucia may be awarded the Saint Lucia Cross, the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour, the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit, or the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal on an honorary basis and that person shall be an honorary member of the Order of Saint Lucia.”.

Insertion of section 9A

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 9 the following section 9A –

“9A. ELIGIBILITY

- (1) A citizen of Saint Lucia shall be eligible for an award granting full membership to the Order of Saint Lucia.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), a person other than a citizen of Saint Lucia may be granted honorary membership to the Order of Saint Lucia.
- (3) Any class of award of the Order of Saint Lucia to a person other than a citizen of Saint Lucia shall be made with the approval of the Sovereign on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- (4) On the recommendation of the Prime Minister, the Governor General shall make, on behalf of the Sovereign, such award as he or she considers appropriate and, in accordance with Schedule 1, grant an honorary award in the specified class, where applicable.
- (5) An honorary award of Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia shall only be awarded on a formal State visit where an exchange of honours is agreed upon in advance of such visit and shall be reserved for –
 - (a) Heads of reigning Royal Houses; and
 - (b) Heads of State.”.

Amendment of section 11

9. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 11 and by substituting the following –

“11. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER OF SAINT LUCIA

A person ceases to be a full or honorary member of the Order of Saint Lucia upon—

- (a) his or her death;
- (b) his or her resignation from the Order of Saint Lucia, which shall have effect on the date on which a resignation in writing is accepted by the Governor General; or
- (c) the revocation of his or her award by the Governor General for conduct deemed to have brought the Order into disrepute, except that an award of Saint Lucia Medal of Honour for gallantry or humane action shall not be revoked.”.

Amendment of section 13

10. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “honour” wherever it appears in that section and by substituting the word “award”.

Amendment of section 15

11. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 15 and by substituting the following –

“15. NATIONAL HEROES COMMISSION

- (1) There is established a commission to be known as the National Heroes Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall comprise not less than 7 members appointed by the Governor General including two members nominated by the Prime Minister and two members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

- (3) The Governor General shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister, appoint a person from among the members of the Commission to be the Chairperson of the Commission.
- (4) The office of the Chairperson of the Commission shall not be a public office for the purpose of section 124 of the Constitution of Saint Lucia.
- (5) The Governor General shall after consultation with the Prime Minister appoint a person from among the members of the Commission to be Secretary to the Commission.
- (6) A member of the Commission, other than the Chairperson, may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor General and transmitted through the Chairperson, and from the date of receipt by the Governor General of the instrument, the member shall cease to be a member of the Commission.
- (7) The Chairperson of the Commission may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor General and such resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the instrument by the Governor General.
- (8) Every change in membership of the Commission shall be published in the Gazette.
- (9) A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall not preclude the Commission from carrying out its functions.
- (10) A person shall not be a member of the Order of National Hero by reason only of being a member of the Commission or other official of the Order of National Hero.
- (11) The Commission shall regulate its own procedures.”.

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Amendment of section 16

12. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) by deleting the heading and by substituting the following –
“DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION”;
- (b) by deleting the word “honour” wherever it appears in that section and by substituting the word “award”; and
- (c) in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “to” where it first appears in that paragraph.

Amendment of section 17

13. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) by deleting the heading and by substituting the following –
“CONFERMENT OF AWARD OF NATIONAL HERO”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (1) and by substituting the following –
“(1) A person whose name is set out in Schedule 3 is hereby declared to be a National Hero.”; and
- (c) in subsections (2) and (4), by deleting the word “honour” and by substituting the word “award” wherever it appears in those subsections.

Amendment of Part 3

14. Part 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the heading and by substituting the following –

**“PART 3
 SAINT LUCIA PUBLIC SERVICES LONG SERVICE
 MEDAL”.**

Amendment of section 18

15. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 18 and by substituting the following –

“18. RECOGNITION OF MEDAL

The award of the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal established under Letters Patent dated 13 December 1986 is hereby recognised.”.

Amendment of sections 19 and 20

16. Sections 19 and 20 of the principal Act are amended by deleting the words “Long Service Medal” wherever they appear in those sections and by substituting the words “Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal”.

Amendment of section 21

17. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 21 and by substituting the following –

“21. GRANT OF MEDAL

The award of the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal or a clasp to the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal may, subject to section 25, be made by the Governor General on the recommendation of –

- (a) the Commissioner of Police, in the case of a member of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force;
- (b) the Chief Fire Officer, in the case of a member of the Saint Lucia Fire Service;
- (c) the Director of Correctional Services, in the case of a member of the Saint Lucia Correctional Services;
- (d) the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, in the case of a member of the Civil Service;
- (e) the Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission, in the case of a member of the Teaching Service;
- (f) the Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission and the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, where the Chairperson

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represents both the Teaching Service Commission and the Public Service Commission, in the case of a member of the Teaching Service and a member of the Civil Service,

and in each case the approval of the administrative head of the Ministry charged with responsibility for the particular service, is required.”.

Amendment of section 22

18. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 22 and by substituting the following –

“22. WEARING OF MEDAL

The manner of wearing the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal shall be determined by the Governor General.”.

Amendment of section 23

19. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 23 and by substituting the following –

“23. REGISTRAR AND REGISTER

There shall be a Registrar of Awards of the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal who shall be appointed by the Governor General and who shall maintain a register of the names and other relevant particulars of persons to whom the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medals or clasps to the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal have been awarded.”.

Amendment of section 24

20. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Long Service Medal” wherever they appear in those sections and by substituting the words “Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal”.

Amendment of section 26

21. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 26 and by substituting the following –

“26. EXPENSES

Any expense incurred under this Act is a charge on the Consolidated Fund.”.

Amendment of section 28

22. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 28 and by substituting the following –

“28. AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES

(1) The Governor General may, after consultation with the Prime Minister, amend the Schedules.”.

Amendment of section 29

23. Section 29 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and by substituting the following –

“(1) The Governor General may make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act and in particular may make Regulations—

- (a) prescribing all matters that are necessary or required to be prescribed;
- (b) in relation to the seal, motto, motif, insignia or regalia;
- (c) in relation to an investiture;
- (d) for the manner of wearing of insignia and regalia issued in relation to an award;
- (e) for any other right of privilege connected with the conferment of an award; and
- (f) generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.”.

Amendment of Schedule 1

24. The principal Act is amended by deleting Schedule 1 and by substituting the following –

“SCHEDULE 1

(Sections 2, 10 and 28)

ORDER OF SAINT LUCIA**A. TITLES OF HONOUR AND AWARDS****KNIGHT OR DAME GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT LUCIA**

1. (1) Subject to subsection 9A(5), the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia shall be awarded only to a person appointed to the office of Governor General of Saint Lucia.
- (2) The Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia shall be awarded in the class of Gold and the recipient shall be invested with a star, and a collar to which will be affixed the badge of the Order of Saint Lucia.
- (3) A person to whom the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia has been awarded shall on retirement, resignation or relinquishment of the office of Governor General be entitled to wear only the star with which he or she was invested, and the badge of the Order of Saint Lucia suspended from the riband of the Order of Saint Lucia.
- (4) A person to whom the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia is awarded is entitled to—
 - (a) have the letters “GCSL” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia;
 - (c) the use of the title “His or Her Excellency” and the prefix “Sir” or “Dame” before his or her name, immediately upon publication of the award in the Gazette.
- (5) A person upon whom an honorary award of Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia has been conferred is entitled to –
 - (a) wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the Order; and
 - (b) have the letters “GCSL” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

KNIGHT OR DAME COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF SAINT LUCIA

2. (1) The Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia may be awarded to any person who has rendered exceptional and outstanding service of national importance to Saint Lucia.
- (2) The Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia shall be awarded in the class of Gold.
- (3) The Governor General may award the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia to no more than 3 persons every 2 years.
- (4) The number of living persons awarded the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia and who are members of the Order of Saint Lucia shall not exceed 20 at any time.
- (5) A person to whom the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia is awarded is entitled to —
 - (a) have the letters “KCSL” or “DCSL” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia;
 - (c) the use of the prefix “Sir” or “Dame” before his or her name immediately on publication of the award in the Gazette, if he or she is a citizen of Saint Lucia.
- (6) When worn in Saint Lucia, the insignia of the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia shall be worn suspended from a riband worn around the neck together with a Star attached to the left breast and takes precedence of all decorations except the awards of Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia, National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).

SAINT LUCIA CROSS

3. (1) The Saint Lucia Cross may be awarded to any person who has rendered distinguished service of national importance to Saint Lucia.
- (2) The Saint Lucia Cross shall be awarded in the class of Gold.
- (3) The Governor General may award the Saint Lucia Cross to no more than 3 persons in any 2 successive years.
- (4) The number of persons awarded the Saint Lucia Cross and who are members of the Order of Saint Lucia shall not exceed 40 at any time.
- (5) A person to whom the Saint Lucia Cross is awarded is entitled to—

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- (a) have the letters “SLC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Saint Lucia Cross;
 - (c) use of the title “The Honourable” before his or her name immediately on publication of the award in the Gazette, if he or she is a citizen of Saint Lucia.
- (6) When worn in Saint Lucia by a citizen of Saint Lucia, the Saint Lucia Cross shall be worn suspended from a riband around the neck and takes precedence over the lower awards of the Order of Saint Lucia except the awards of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).

SAINT LUCIA MEDAL OF HONOUR

4. (1) The Saint Lucia Medal of Honour may be awarded to any person who—
- (a) has rendered eminent service of national importance to Saint Lucia; or
 - (b) has performed an outstandingly brave or humane act to a national of Saint Lucia or other country.
- (2) The Saint Lucia Medal of Honour may be awarded in the classes of Gold or Silver.
- (3) The Governor General may award the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour under subparagraph 1(a) to no more than 3 persons in either of the classes in any one year.
- (4) The Saint Lucia Medal of Honour when awarded under subparagraph 1(b) shall be awarded in Gold only for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril, and is awarded in Silver only for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances, and awards in any of these classes of the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour shall not be limited in any year nor included in the determination of any quota for the purposes of the Order of Saint Lucia.
- (5) A person to whom the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour is awarded is entitled to—
- (a) have the letter “SLMH” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Medal of Honour in the class in which the award has been made.

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- (6) When worn in Saint Lucia by a citizen of Saint Lucia, the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour shall be worn as a decoration from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment and shall take precedence over all the other lower awards of the Order of Saint Lucia, and all other awards, except the awards of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).

SAINT LUCIA MEDAL OF MERIT

5. (1) The Saint Lucia Medal of Merit of the Order of Saint Lucia may be awarded to any person who has rendered long and meritorious service in the Arts, Sciences, Literature or other such fields to Saint Lucia.
- (2) The Saint Lucia Medal of Merit may be awarded in classes of Gold or Silver.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor General may award the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit to no more than 3 persons in either of the classes in any one year.
- (4) A person to whom the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit is awarded is entitled to—
- (a) have the letter “SLMM” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit in the class in which the award has been made.
- (5) When worn in Saint Lucia by a citizen of Saint Lucia, the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit shall be worn as a decoration from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment immediately after the Saint Lucia Medal of Honour and shall take precedence over all the other lower awards of the Order of Saint Lucia, and all other awards, except the award of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).

SAINT LUCIA LES PITONS MEDAL

6. (1) The Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal may be awarded to any person who has rendered long and meritorious service to Saint Lucia tending to promote loyal public service, national welfare, or to inculcate and strengthen community spirit.
- (2) The Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal may be awarded in classes of Gold, Silver or Bronze in accordance with the assessment of the Committee of the level of the service the recipient has rendered to Saint Lucia.
- (3) The Governor General may award the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal to not more than 3 persons in any one class in any one year.

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- (4) A person to whom the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal is awarded is entitled to —
- (a) have the letters “SLPM” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal in the class in which the award has been made.
- (5) When worn in Saint Lucia the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment immediately after the Saint Lucia Medal of Merit and in front of all other awards except the awards of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).

NATIONAL SERVICE CROSS

7. (1) The National Service Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia may be awarded to an officer of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force not below the rank of Assistant Superintendent, an officer of the Fire Service not below the rank of Deputy Chief Fire Officer, or an officer of the Correctional Services not below the rank of Deputy Director of Correctional Services who has rendered loyal and devoted service beneficial to Saint Lucia.
- (2) The Governor General may award the National Service Cross to no more than 2 persons in any one year.
- (3) A person to whom the National Service Cross is awarded is entitled to —
- (a) have the letters “NSC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (b) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the National Service Medal.
- (4) When worn in Saint Lucia the National Service Cross shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment immediately after the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal and in front of all other awards except the award of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC), the George Cross (GC) and the Military Cross (MC).

NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

8. (1) The National Service Medal of the Order of Saint Lucia may be awarded to members of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, the Saint Lucia Fire Service, the Saint Lucia Correctional Services, and commissioned officers of a Cadet Corps for outstanding and meritorious service.
- (2) The Governor General may award the National Service Medal to no more than 4 persons in any one year.

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- (3) When worn in Saint Lucia the National Service Medal shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment immediately after the Saint Lucia Les Pitons Medal and the National Service Cross, and in front of all other awards except the awards of National Hero (NH), the Victoria Cross (VC), the George Cross (GC) and the Military Cross (MC).

B. HONORARY AWARDS

A person upon whom any honorary award or class of honorary award of the Order of Saint Lucia, has been conferred is entitled –

- (a) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the award or class of award; and
- (b) to have the prescribed letters of the award placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;

but shall not, for so long as he or she does not become a citizen of Saint Lucia be entitled to use any prefix or style arising out of the award or be a full member of the Order.

C. RIBAND

- (1) The riband of the Order of Saint Lucia shall be composed of vertical stripes of the colours blue, gold, black and white arranged in the prescribed manner.
- (2) When worn with the insignia of the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia, the Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Lucia or the Saint Lucia Cross, it shall be of the width of 2 inches.
- (3) When worn with the insignia of the other awards of the Order of Saint Lucia, it shall be of the width of 1 1/2 inches.”.

D. IMPERIAL AWARDS**1. Victoria Cross**

- (a) The Victoria Cross, awarded to a person for valour in the face of the enemy by any Commonwealth country or former British Empire territory as the highest military award, is hereby recognised.
- (b) A person to whom the Victoria Cross is awarded is entitled to –
- (i) have the letters “VC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and

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- (ii) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Victoria Cross.
- (c) When worn in Saint Lucia the Victoria Cross shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment and shall be worn in front of all other Imperial awards.

2. George Cross

- (a) The George Cross, awarded to a person for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger by any Commonwealth country or former British Empire territory as the second highest military award, is hereby recognised.
- (b) A person to whom the George Cross is awarded is entitled to –
 - (i) have the letters “GC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the George Cross.
- (c) When worn in Saint Lucia the George Cross shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment immediately after the Victoria Cross (VC) and in front of all other Imperial awards.

3. Military Cross

- (a) The Military Cross, awarded to a person for gallantry during active operations against the enemy by any Commonwealth country or former British Empire territory, is hereby recognised.
- (b) A person to whom the Military Cross is awarded is entitled to –
 - (i) have the letters “MC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for recipients of the Military Cross.
- (c) When worn in Saint Lucia the Military Cross shall be worn as a pendant from a riband attached to the left breast of the outer garment in front of all other Imperial awards except the Victoria Cross (VC) and the George Cross (GC).”.

Amendment of Schedule 2

25. The principal Act is amended by deleting Schedule 2 and by substituting the following –

“SCHEDULE 2

(Sections 17 and 28)

AWARD OF NATIONAL HERO

1. A living person upon whom the award of National Hero has been conferred is entitled to —
 - (a) wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the Order of National Hero;
 - (b) the use of the title “Right Excellent”; and
 - (c) have the letters “NH” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
2. The award of National Hero shall be considered as the highest of the Awards conferred upon citizens of Saint Lucia other than the Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia, and shall take precedence before all other decorations including those conferred by the Sovereign.
3. The riband of the Order of National Hero shall be composed of vertical stripes of the colours blue, gold, black, white and silver, and shall be the width of two inches. The insignia shall be worn suspended from the riband around the neck.”.

Insertion of Schedule 4

26. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Schedule 3 the following new Schedule 4 –

“SCHEDULE 4

(Section 28)

THE SAINT LUCIA PUBLIC SERVICES LONG SERVICE MEDAL

1. The following persons are eligible for the award of the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal —
 - (a) members of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force;
 - (b) members of the Saint Lucia Fire Service;
 - (c) members of the Saint Lucia Correctional Services;
 - (d) members of the Saint Lucia Civil Service;
 - (e) members of the Saint Lucia Teaching Service.

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2. A person to whom the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal or clasp to the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal is awarded is entitled to wear as a decoration the insignia and clasp prescribed for recipients of the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal.
3. When worn in Saint Lucia, the Saint Lucia Public Services Long Service Medal shall be worn suspended from a riband composed of vertical stripes of the colours blue, gold, black and white on the left breast of the outer garment.”.

Passed in the House of Assembly 8th day of September, 2015.

PETER I. FOSTER,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 15th day of September, 2015.

CLAUDIUS J. FRANCIS,
President of the Senate.

