

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
PREAMBLE

The people of the Cayman Islands, recalling the events that have shaped their history and made them what they are, and acknowledging their distinct history, culture and Christian heritage and its enduring influence and contribution in shaping the spiritual, moral and social values that have guided their development and brought peace, prosperity and stability to those islands, through the vision, forbearance, and leadership of their people, who are loyal to Her Majesty the Queen; Affirm their intention to be—

- A God-fearing country based on traditional Christian values, tolerant of other religions and beliefs.
- A country with open, responsible and accountable government, that includes a working partnership with the private sector and continuing beneficial ties with the United Kingdom.
- A country in which religion finds its expression in moral living and social justice.
- A caring community based on mutual respect for all individuals and their basic human rights.
- A country committed to the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom.
- A community that practises honest and open dialogue to ensure mutual understanding and social harmony.
- A safe, secure and law-abiding community.
- A country that is free from crime and drug abuse.
- A country with an education system that identifies and develops on a continuing basis the abilities of each person, allowing them to reach their full potential and productivity.
- A community that encourages and prepares young people to assume leadership roles.
- A country that provides a comprehensive healthcare system.
- A community protective of traditional Caymanian heritage and the family unit.
- A country that honours the sacrifice of its seafaring men who left the shores of the Islands to enhance the quality of life of their people, and in doing so established themselves amongst the finest within the global maritime community of that time and through their remittances, endeavours and experiences built the foundations of the Cayman Islands' modern economy.
- A country that honours and acknowledges the important contribution of Caymanian women who during the absence of the seafaring men of the Islands managed the affairs of their homes, businesses and communities and passed on the values and traditions of the Islands' people.
- A country with a vibrant diversified economy, which provides full employment.
- A country that makes optimal use of modern technology.
- A country that manages growth and maintains prosperity, while protecting its social and natural environment.
- A country that respects, protects and defends its environment and natural resources as the basis of its existence.
- A country that fosters the highest standards of integrity in the dealings of the private and public sectors.
- A country with an immigration system that protects Caymanians, gives security to longterm residents and welcomes legitimate visitors and workers.
- A country that plays its full part in the region and in the international community.

Now, therefore, the following provisions shall have effect as the Constitution of the Cayman Islands.