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**CONSTITUTION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 55(1)**



**HIS MAJESTY
THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

In the name of ALLAH, the Compassionate, the Merciful, PRAISE be to ALLAH, the Lord of the Universe, and may the benediction and peace of ALLAH be upon Our Leader Muhammad and upon all his Relations and Friends.

BY THE GRACE OF ALLAH, WE, SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH IBNI AL-MARHUM SULTAN HAJI OMAR 'ALI SAIFUDDIEN SA'ADUL KHAIRI WADDIEN, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF THE CROWN OF BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF ISLAM OF BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF PADUKA LAILA JASA KEBERANIAN GEMILANG, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF PADUKA KEBERANIAN LAILA TERBILANG, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST GALLANT ORDER OF PAHLAWAN NEGARA BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST BLESSED ORDER OF SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF PADUKA SERI LAILA JASA, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST FAITHFUL ORDER OF PERWIRA AGONG NEGARA BRUNEI, HONORARY KNIGHT GRAND CROSS, THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH (UNITED KINGDOM), HONORARY KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE (UNITED KINGDOM), DARJAH UTAMA SERI MAHKOTA NEGARA (MALAYSIA), COLLAR OF THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE CHRYSANTHEMUM (JAPAN), THE ORDER OF AL-HUSSEIN BIN ALI (JORDAN), THE CIVIL ORDER OF OMAN, FIRST CLASS (OMAN), AL-KHALIFIA (BAHRAIN), OUISSAM EL MOHAMMDI GRAND COLLIER (MOROCCO), THE MOST AUSPICIOUS ORDER OF THE RAJAMITRABHORN (THAILAND), THE GREAT COLLAR OF THE BADR (ARAB SAUDI), KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE SERAPHIM (SWEDEN), GRAND ORDER OF MUGUNGHWA (REPUBLIC OF KOREA), BINTANG REPUBLIK INDONESIA

ADIPURNA (REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA), COLLAR OF THE NILE (REPUBLIC OF EGYPT), THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SIKATUNA RANK OF RAJAH (REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES), THE ORDER OF TEMASEK, FIRST CLASS (REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE), NISHAN-E-PAKISTAN (REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN), GRAND CROIX LEGION D'HONNEUR (REPUBLIC OF FRANCE), GRAND CROSS SPECIAL CLASS OF THE ORDER OF MERIT (REPUBLIC OF GERMANY), THE ORDER OF PRINCE YAROSLAV THE WISE, FIRST CLASS (UKRAINE), PHOXAY LANE XANG (LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (KELANTAN), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (JOHORE), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (NEGERI SEMBILAN), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF SERI INDERA MAHKOTA PAHANG (PAHANG), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (SELANGOR), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (PERLIS), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (PERAK), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (TERENGGANU), MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) (KEDAH), DARJAH UTAMA BINTANG SARAWAK (SARAWAK), SERI PANGLIMA DARJAH KINABALU (SABAH), FIRST GALLANTRY ORDER OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES (MALAYSIA), THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER (MILITARY) (REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE), THE PHILIPPINES LEGION OF HONOUR (DEGREE OF CHIEF COMMANDER) (REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES), the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of the Sovereign State and Territory of Brunei Darussalam and all its Dependencies.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS shall come.

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS by Clause (1) of Article 55 of the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam, it is provided that His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan may at any time, by Proclamation published in the *Gazette, inter alia*, dissolve the Legislative Council.

AND WHEREAS by Clause (2) of Article 55 of the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam, it is provided that His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan shall dissolve the Legislative Council at the expiration of 5 years from the date when it first meets after it is first constituted or is reconstituted at any time unless it has been sooner dissolved.

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Council now in being first met on the 10th day of Syaaban 1425, the Hijriah of Prophet Muhammad (on Whom be the benediction and peace of ALLAH) corresponding to the 25th day of September 2004.

NOW THEREFORE WE in exercise of the powers conferred upon US by the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam do hereby proclaim that the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam be dissolved as from the twenty-seventh day of Rejab, the Hijriah of Prophet Muhammad (on Whom be the benediction and

peace of ALLAH) one thousand, four hundred and twenty-six corresponding to the first day of September two thousand and five.

Done at OUR Istana Nurul Iman, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam this 11th day of Rejab, the Hijriah of Prophet Muhammad (on Whom be the benediction and peace of ALLAH) one thousand, four hundred and twenty-six corresponding to the 16th day of August two thousand and five, being the thirty-eighth year of OUR Reign in Brunei Darussalam.