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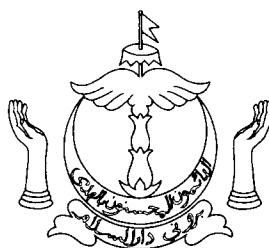
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In the name of ALLAH, the Compassionate, the Merciful, PRAISE be to ALLAH, the Lord of the Universe, and may the benediction and peace of ALLAH be upon Our Leader Muhammad and upon all his Relations and Friends.



HIS MAJESTY
THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN,
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

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 LAILA UTAMA, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER SERI UTAMA, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF ISLAM NEGARA BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST 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 OF THE MOST

HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH (UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND), HONORARY KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE (UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND), HONORARY COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE (UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND), DARJAH UTAMA SERI MAHKOTA NEGARA (MALAYSIA), COLLAR OF THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE CHRYSANTHEMUM (JAPAN), THE ORDER OF AL-HUSSEIN BIN ALI (HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN), THE CIVIL ORDER OF OMAN, FIRST CLASS (SULTANATE OF OMAN), AL-KHALIFA (KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN), QISSLAM EL MOHAMMDI GRAND COLLIER (KINGDOM OF MOROCCO), THE MOST AUSPICIOUS ORDER OF THE RAJAMITRABHORN (KINGDOM OF THAILAND), THE GREAT COLLAR OF BADR (KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA), KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE SERAPHIM (KINGDOM OF SWEDEN), KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS), QILADAT AL-MUBARAK AL-KABIR - COLLAR OF MUBARAK THE GREAT (KUWAIT), GRAND ORDER OF MUGUNGHWA (REPUBLIC OF KOREA), BINTANG REPUBLIK INDONESIA ADIPURNA (REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA), COLLAR OF THE NILE (ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT), THE ORDER OF LAKANDULA WITH THE RANK OF GRAND COLLAR SUPREMO (REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES), 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 ISLAM PAKISTAN), GRAND CROIX LEGION D'HONNEUR (REPUBLIC OF FRANCE), GRAND CROSS SPECIAL CLASS OF THE ORDER OF MERIT (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY), THE ORDER OF MERIT, FIRST CLASS (UKRAINE), THE ORDER OF PRINCE YAROSLAV THE WISE, FIRST CLASS (UKRAINE), GRAND COLLAR OF THE ORDER OF TIMOR-LESTE (TIMOR-LESTE), PHOXAY LANE XANG (LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC), THE MOST EXALTED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF KELANTAN (KELANTAN), THE MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF JOHOR (JOHOR), THE MOST EXALTED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF NEGERI SEMBILAN (NEGERI SEMBILAN), THE MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF SRI INDERA MAHKOTA PAHANG (PAHANG), THE MOST EXALTED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF SELANGOR (SELANGOR), THE ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF SYED PUTRA (PERLIS), THE MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF PERAK (PERAK), THE MOST EXALTED SUPREME ROYAL FAMILY ORDER OF TERENGGANU (TERENGGANU), THE MOST ESTEEMED ROYAL FAMILY OF KEDAH (KEDAH), THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE SULTAN IBRAHIM JOHOR, FIRST CLASS. DATO' SRI MULIA SULTAN IBRAHIM JOHOR (JOHOR), THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF STAR OF SARAWAK (SARAWAK), SERI PANGIMA DARJAH KINABALU (SABAH), DARJAH KEPAHRAWANAN ANGKATAN TENTERA - PANGIMA GAGAH ANGKATAN TENTERA (MALAYSIA), THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER (MILITARY) (REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE), THE PHILIPPINES LEGION OF HONOUR (DEGREE OF CHIEF COMMANDER) (REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES), THE CROSS OF HONOUR FOR FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS

TO THE STATE (UKRAINE), the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of the Sovereign State and Territory of Brunei Darussalam and all its Dependencies.

WHEREAS on the 26th day of Rabiulawal the Hijrah of the Prophet (on Whom be the benediction and peace of ALLAH) One thousand three hundred and seventy-nine corresponding to the 29th day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, WE have proclaimed the Succession and Regency Proclamation, 1959 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Proclamation);

AND WHEREAS it is provided under section 31 of the principal Proclamation that the principal Proclamation may be amended by US;

AND WHEREAS WE have considered it expedient that certain provisions of the principal Proclamation should be amended in diverse respects;

NOW THEREFORE WE in exercise of the power conferred on US by section 31 of the principal Proclamation DO HEREBY PROCLAIM in OUR name and on OUR behalf and for and on behalf of OUR Successors as hereinafter follows —

Citation and commencement

1. This Proclamation may be cited as the Succession and Regency (Amendment) Proclamation, 2025 and shall commence on the day it is made.

Substitution of section 3 of Const. II

2. Section 3 of the principal Proclamation is repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor —

"His Majesty and succession to the Sultanate

3. (1) It is hereby declared that His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien is the lawful Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

(2) It is hereby declared that Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah is the lawful Successor to the throne of Brunei Darussalam:

Provided that His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan may from time to time, by Proclamation published in the *Gazette*, proclaim another person to be the only lawful Successor to the throne of Brunei Darussalam; the person whose right to succeed has been revoked by the later Proclamation shall forthwith cease to be entitled to the title of Duli Yang Teramat Mulia

Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota and the title shall forthwith pass to such person so proclaimed in the later Proclamation.

(3) It is hereby declared that upon Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ascending to the throne of Brunei Darussalam, the subsequent lawful Successor to succeed to the throne of Brunei Darussalam shall thereafter be proclaimed or determined by him:

Provided that in the event that Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah, for any reason whatsoever, is unable to ascend to the throne of Brunei Darussalam, subsection (4) shall apply.

(4) In the event that His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien ceases to occupy the throne of Brunei Darussalam, and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah for any reason whatsoever being unable to ascend to, or having ascended to ceasing to occupy, the throne of Brunei Darussalam, save where His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan proclaims another person to be the lawful Successor under subsection (2), the succession thereto is hereby vested in the lawful Heirs of the body of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien in the following order —

(a) save where His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan declares otherwise to the Council of Succession, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Malik ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah, and upon his ascending to the throne of Brunei Darussalam, the subsequent lawful Successor to succeed to the throne of Brunei Darussalam shall thereafter be proclaimed or determined by him;

(b) in the event that there is no lawful Successor under paragraph (a), save where His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan declares otherwise to the Council of Succession, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Mateen ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah, and upon his ascending to the throne of Brunei Darussalam, the subsequent lawful Successor to succeed to the throne of Brunei Darussalam shall thereafter be proclaimed or

determined by him;

(c) in the event that there is no lawful Successor under paragraph *(b)*, save where His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan declares otherwise to the Council of Succession, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Wakeel ibni Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, and upon his ascending to the throne of Brunei Darussalam, the subsequent lawful Successor to succeed to the throne of Brunei Darussalam shall thereafter be proclaimed or determined by him;

(d) in the event that there is no lawful Successor under paragraph *(c)*, save where His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan declares otherwise to the Council of Succession, a person who is the lawfully begotten descendant in the male line of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.”.

Amendment of section 17

3. Section 17 of the principal Proclamation is amended by deleting subsection (10).

Confirmation

So be it. Such is the Succession and Regency (Amendment) Proclamation, 2025.

Invocation

May ALLAH, to Whom be praise and Whose name be exalted, the King of Kings, vouchsafe His grace and may the Prophet Muhammad (on whom be the benediction and peace of ALLAH) grant His Blessings to this Proclamation, for ever and ever. Amen! O Lord of the Universe!

Done at the Istana Nurul Iman, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam this 3rd. day of Jamadilakhir, 1447 Hijriah corresponding to the 24th. day of November, 2025, being the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.