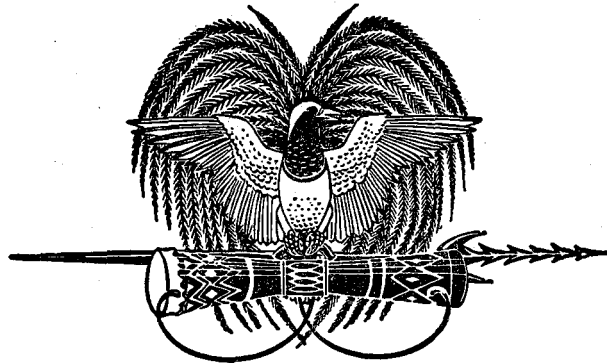


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PROCLAMATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INDEPENDENCE

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1975, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN GUISE, K.B.E., AT PORT MORESBY, PROCLAIMED THE INDEPENDENCE AND FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1975 BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF THE ELECTED NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for public information that the Constitution of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea shall come into effect on Independence Day, that is 16th September, 1975.

Dated this fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

B. HOLLOWAY,
Chairman of the Constituent Assembly.

OPENING OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT

IN accordance with Section 1 of the *Organic Law on the First Meetings of the National Parliament*, the first meeting of the First National Parliament will commence at 2 p.m. this day at Parliament House, Port Moresby.

The Parliament will be officially opened by His Royal Highness the Prince Charles, Prince of Wales K.G.

FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

On this day, by virtue of Section 268 of the Constitution, His Excellency Sir John Guise K.B.E. assumed office as the First Governor-General of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution will take the oath of allegiance as prescribed by Section 7 of the Constitution, and will make the Declaration of Loyalty and the Declaration of Office as prescribed by Section 6 and Schedule 3 of the Constitution, respectively in the following terms—

Oath of Allegiance

"I, JOHN GUISE, do swear that I will well and truly serve and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her heirs and successors according to law.

SO HELP ME GOD!"

First Governor-General's Assumption of Office—continued**Declaration of Loyalty**

"I, JOHN GUISE, realizing fully the responsibilities to which I am committing myself and the consequences of not living up to this Declaration and those responsibilities, freely and willingly declare my loyalty to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People and to the Constitution of Papua New Guinea adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 15th August, 1975, as altered from time to time in accordance with its provisions, and promise that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Papua New Guinea."

Declaration of Office

"I, JOHN GUISE, do promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Governor-General."

FIRST CHIEF JUSTICE

On this day, by virtue of Section 271 of the Constitution, the HONOURABLE THOMAS SYDNEY FROST became the first Chief Justice of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution, will duly make the Judicial Declaration prescribed by Schedule 4 to the Constitution, in the following terms—

"I, THOMAS SYDNEY FROST, do promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Chief Justice, that I will in all things uphold the Constitution and the laws of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and I will do right to all manner of people in accordance therewith, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will."

FIRST PRIME MINISTER

On this day, by virtue of Section 270 of the Constitution, the HONOURABLE MACHAEL SOMARE M.P. became the First Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution will duly make the Declaration of Loyalty and the Declaration of Office prescribed by Section 6 and Schedule 3 of the Constitution respectively, in the following terms—

Declaration of Loyalty

"I, MICHAEL THOMAS SOMARE, realizing fully the responsibilities to which I am committing myself and the consequences of not living up to this Declaration and those responsibilities, freely and willingly declare my loyalty to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People and to the Constitution of Papua New Guinea adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 15th August, 1975, as altered from time to time in accordance with its provisions, and promise that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Papua New Guinea."

Declaration of Office

"I, MICHAEL THOMAS SOMARE, do promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Prime Minister."

FIRST SPEAKER

On this day, by virtue of Section 269 of the Constitution, the HONOURABLE BARRY BLYTH HOLLOWAY C.B.E. became the first Speaker of the National Parliament of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution will duly make the Declaration of Loyalty and the Declaration of Office prescribed by Section 6 and Schedule 3 of the Constitution respectively, in the following terms—

Declaration of Loyalty

"I, BARRY BLYTH HOLLOWAY, realizing fully the responsibilities to which I am committing myself and the consequences of not living up to this Declaration and those responsibilities, freely and willingly declare my loyalty to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People and to the Constitution of Papua New Guinea adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 15th August, 1975, as altered from time to time in accordance with its provisions, and promise that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Papua New Guinea."

Declaration of Office

"I, BARRY BLYTH HOLLOWAY, promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Speaker of the National Parliament."

FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

On this day, by virtue of Section 270 of the Constitution, the HONOURABLE SIR MAORI KIKI K.B.E. M.P. became the first Deputy Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and, in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution will duly make the Declaration of Loyalty and the Declaration of Office prescribed by Section 6 and Schedule 3 of the Constitution respectively, in the following terms—

Declaration of Loyalty

"I, ALBERT MAORI KIKI, realizing fully the responsibilities to which I am committing myself and the consequences of not living up to this Declaration and those responsibilities, freely and willingly declare my loyalty to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People and to the Constitution of Papua New Guinea adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 15th August, 1975, as altered from time to time in accordance with its provisions, and promise that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Papua New Guinea."

First Deputy Prime Minister—continued**Declaration of Office**

"I, ALBERT MAORI KIKI, do promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Deputy Prime Minister."

FIRST MINISTERS**ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE**

On this day, by virtue of Section 270 of the Constitution, the following Members of Parliament became the first Ministers of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution will duly make the Declaration of Loyalty and the Declaration of Office, prescribed by Section 6 and Schedule 3 of the Constitution respectively.

| | | | |
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| Honourable Michael Somare, M.P. | | | Prime Minister |
| Honourable Sir Maori Kiki, K.B.E., M.P. | | | Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Foreign Relations and Trade. |
| Honourable Julius Chan, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Finance |
| Honourable Thomas Kavali, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Lands |
| Honourable Sir Paul Lapun, K.B., M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister assisting the Prime Minister (Local Government) |
| Honourable Ebia Olewale, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Justice and Minister assisting the Prime Minister (Provincial Affairs) |
| Honourable Iambakey Okuk, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Transport and Civil Aviation and Minister assisting the Minister for Works |
| Honourable Gavera Rea, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for National Development |
| Honourable Bruce Jephcott, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Natural Resources (Forests and Fisheries) and Minister assisting the Prime Minister (Special Duties) |
| Honourable Reuben Taureka, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Education |
| Honourable Donatus Mola, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Health |
| Honourable Boyamo Sali, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Commerce and Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, Foreign Relations and Trade (Foreign Relations and Trade) and acting Minister for Agriculture |
| Honourable John Poe, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for the Interior |
| Honourable Pita Lus, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Police |
| Honourable Kaibelt Diria, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Posts and Telegraphs |
| Honourable Yano Belo, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Works |
| Honourable Sasakila Moses, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Culture and Recreation |
| Honourable Stephen Tago, M.P. .... | .... | .... | Minister for Environment and Conservation |

FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE

On this day, by virtue of Section 271 of the Constitution, the HONOURABLE WILLIAM THOMAS PRENTICE became the first Deputy Chief Justice of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution, will duly make the Judicial Declaration prescribed by Schedule 4 to the Constitution, in the following terms—

"I, WILLIAM THOMAS PRENTICE, promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its People in the office of Deputy Chief Justice, that I will in all things uphold the Constitution and the laws of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and I will do right to all manner of people in accordance therewith, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will."

FIRST JUDGES

On this day, by virtue of Section 271 of the Constitution, the following persons became the first Judges of the National Court of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and in accordance with Section 272 of the Constitution, will duly make the Judicial Declaration prescribed by Schedule 4 to the Constitution—

- The Honourable Thomas Sydney Frost;
- The Honourable William Thomas Prentice;
- The Honourable Edmund Peter Tom Raine;
- The Honourable James Boyd Keith Williams;
- The Honourable Loyola Pascal Saldanha;
- The Honourable Sir Colmon Michael O'Loughlen; and
- The Honourable Keith Stacey Edmunds.

TABLE OF PRECEDENCE
INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Head of State.
 Governor-General.
 Prime Minister.
 Speaker of the National Parliament.
 Chief Justice.
 Ambassadors and High Commissioners, seniority of Ambassadors as per date of presentation of Letter of Credence.
 Seniority of High Commissioners as per date of arrival in Port Moresby or the date Letters of Commission are presented.
 Foreign Ministers and Envoys.
 Cabinet Ministers in order of seniority.
 Charges d'Affaires and Acting High Commissioners. Date of seniority from the date of assumption of duties.
 Privy Councillors.
 Leader of the Opposition.
 Justices of the National Court in order of seniority.
 Commander Papua New Guinea Defence Force (or, if officiating, the Commanding Officer of Defence Force units in the District of their base).
 Commissioner of Police (or, if officiating, the Police Superintendents in their Area of Command).
 Members of the National Parliament taking precedence in their own electorates, otherwise in order of office holders, e.g. Deputy Speaker, Chairman of Committees, and date of original election.
 Heads of Churches within their diocese or province, according to rank, e.g. Archbishop, Bishop in order shown below and date of appointment.
- (a) Anglican, Roman Catholic, United, Lutheran
 (b) Other denominations according to seniority.
- Chairman of the Public Services Commission.
 Heads of Departments, Members of the Public Services Commission, Auditor General, Commissioner of Taxation, Heads of Statutory Authorities, Secretaries to Provincial Governments, all according to date of appointment.
 Consular and Trade Representatives. Seniority from date of assumption of duties.
 Acting and Honorary Heads of Consular posts in order of assumption of office.
 Heads of Agencies—e.g. Australian Staffing Assistance Group, and United Nations.
 Recipients of Honours and Awards, in order of rank and honour.
 Guests of special interest (precedence determined on each occasion by the Governor-General).
 Premiers of Provincial Governments (when not officiating).
 Presidents of Area Authorities (when not officiating).
 Presidents of Local Government Councils (when not officiating).
 Lord Mayors, Mayors (when not officiating).
 District Commissioners (when not officiating).
 The precedence accorded to the persons in the above list will apply also to their spouses.
 In the absence of any special instruction, the precedence of persons not specified above who are entitled to precedence in relation to the above officers is to be determined as a matter of courtesy by the Governor-General.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for public information that the following Organic Laws have been made under the Constitution and shall come into operation on Independence Day:—

- Organic Law on National Elections.
- Organic Law on the Boundaries of the National Capital District.
- Organic Law on Provincial Boundaries.
- Organic Law on the Number of Ministers.
- Organic Law on the Advisory Committee on the Power of Mercy.
- Organic Law on Certain Constitutional Office-holders.

Public Notice—Organic Laws—continued

Organic Law on the Guarantee of the Rights and Independence of Constitutional Office-holders.
 Organic Law on the Ombudsman Commission.
 Organic Law on the Nomination of the Governor-General.
 Organic Law on the Public Services Commission.
 Organic Law on the Duties and Responsibilities of Leadership.
 Organic Law on the calling of Meetings of the Parliament.
 Organic Law on the Terms and Conditions of Employment of Judges.
 Organic Law on the immediate and transitional constitutional provisions.
 Organic Law on the terms and conditions of employment of the Governor-General.
 Organic Law on the Judicial and Legal Services Commission.
 Organic Law on Residence.
 Organic Law on the First Meetings of the National Parliament.

Dated the fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

B. HOLLOWAY,
 Chairman of the Constituent Assembly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for public information that the following Provisional Acts shall come into operation on Independence Day:—

Citizenship Act 1975.
National Name (Protection) Act 1975.
Principal Legal Adviser Act 1975.
Defence (Australian Forces) Act 1975.
Prime Minister (Constitutional Provisions) Act 1975.
Parliamentary Salaries Tribunal Act 1975.
National Court Act 1975.
Supreme Court Act 1975.
Magisterial Service Act 1975.
Parliamentary Service Act 1975.
Constitutional Commission (Interim Provisions) Act 1975.

Dated the fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

B. HOLLOWAY,
 Chairman of the Constituent Assembly.

*Interpretation (Interim Provisions) Act 1975***APPROVAL OF FORM OF NOTIFICATION**

I, MAXWELL BRIAN ALLWOOD, First Legislative Counsel, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 75(2) of the *Interpretation (Interim Provisions) Act 1975* and all other powers me enabling, hereby approve the following form of notification:—

"NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF REGULATION*/RULE*/BY-LAW*

The following Regulation*/Rule*/By-law* set out in the table below has been made under the Act set out in the table. Copies may be purchased at the price shown (plus postage, if necessary) from the Government Printing Office, Lawes Road, Port Moresby.

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Dated the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

GOVERNOR-GENERAL."

* Omit whichever is inapplicable.

Dated the tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

M. B. ALLWOOD,
 First Legislative Counsel.

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| Statutory Instrument No. 46 of 1975. | Merchant Shipping (Registration) Regulation 1975. | Merchant Shipping Act 1975. | — |

Notice of the Making of Regulation—*continued*

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| Statutory Instrument No. 47 of 1975. | Migration (Amendment) Regulation 1975. | <i>Migration Act</i> 1963, as amended to date. | — |
| Statutory Instrument No. 48 of 1975. | South Pacific Commission (Privileges and Immunities) Regulation 1975. | <i>International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act</i> 1975. | — |
| Statutory Instrument No. 49 of 1975. | Commonwealth Secretariat (Privileges and Immunities) Regulation 1975. | <i>International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act</i> 1975. | — |
| Statutory Instrument No. 50 of 1975. | Passports Regulation 1975. | <i>Passports Act</i> 1975. | — |

Dated this ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

T. K. CRITCHLEY,
High Commissioner.

THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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| Statutory Instrument No. 54 of 1975. | Citizenship Regulation 1975. | <i>Citizenship Act</i> 1975. | — |

Dated this sixteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

J. GUISE,
Governor-General.