



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a functioning judicial system is dependent on the ability of judicial officers and support staff to perform at optimal levels;

**AND WHEREAS**, Judicial Well-being is a universal concern and is essential to ensuring the delivery of quality justice;

**AND WHEREAS**, Judicial Well-being is essential for upholding integrity, independence and the efficiency of justice systems worldwide;

**AND WHEREAS**, Judicial Well-being is vital in ensuring public confidence in the judiciary and the rule of law;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct in establishing international standards for the ethical conduct of judges recognizes that "a competent, independent and impartial judiciary is .... Essential if the courts are to fulfill their role in upholding constitutionalism and the rule of law";

**AND WHEREAS**, the commentary on the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct at paragraph 194 acknowledges the stress of fulfilling judicial duties and advocates for judges to "have sufficient time to permit the maintenance of physical and mental well-being and reasonable opportunities to enhance the skill and knowledge necessary for the effective performance of judicial functions";

**AND WHEREAS**, by the 2024 Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being, Judicial Well-being was defined as "a continuous process enabling judges to thrive across all aspects of their lives, including occupational, physical, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual, which are universally recognized well-being domains";

**AND WHEREAS**, by the 2024 Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being, Judicial Well-being was described as essential: essential for individual judges' occupational health and sustainability, for court users' experience in court, for the quality of justice and ultimately for public confidence in the courts;

**AND WHEREAS**, the core values of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct – independence, impartiality, integrity, propriety and competence and diligence – are predicated on the physical, mental, social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual well-being of judges;

**AND WHEREAS**, Judicial Well-being included the well-being of the staff members who support the judiciary and who interface with the public to provide quality service;

**AND WHEREAS**, Judicial Well-being is a joint responsibility of judicial officers, of the support staff and of judicial institutions;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is committed to supporting the well-being of its judicial officers and support staff in ensuring the delivery of quality justice;

**AND WHEREAS**, on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, the United Nations General Assembly declared 25<sup>th</sup> July of each year as the International Day for Judicial Well-being;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Philip E. Davis, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas do hereby proclaim the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025, and each consecutive year, as **"Bahamas Judicial Well-being Day"** in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

PHILIP E. DAVIS  
PRIME MINISTER