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SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS

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Members-Elect met in the Assembly Chamber on the morning of June 10, 2019 for the Swearing-In Ceremony.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

Madam Clerk, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has arrived.

CLERK (Barnes): Admit Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Please be seated.

As Clerk of the House of Assembly, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the hon. Judy Foote, all Members-Elect and invited guests to this ceremony today.

We would like to acknowledge former Members of this House of Assembly who are in attendance: the hon. John Crosbie, former Lieutenant-Governor and former Member of this House; and former Members of this House: Mr. Clayton Forsey, Mr. Tom Hedderson, Ms. Lorraine Michael and Mr. John Ottenheimer.

Today, the Members-Elect become Members of the House of Assembly for the 49th General Assembly in the province since 1833. On behalf of my fellow House Officers, as well as the staff of the House of Assembly Service, we look forward to working with and serving all Members during the 49th General Assembly.

I have a proclamation from Her Honour:

“TO: Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly and Elizabeth Murphy, Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly

GREETING;

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS under section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, I, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance to Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the General Election held on May 16, 2019;

AND WHEREAS under section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, I, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, am authorized to administer an Oath or Affirmation of Office to those persons elected to be Members of the House of Assembly in the said General Election;

AND WHEREAS the said sections of the *Constitutions Act, 1867* and the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* further require that the persons declared elected as Members during the General Election held on the said date must take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before they can take their seats in the House of Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, do authorize and direct you, the said Sandra Barnes and Elizabeth Murphy, or either of you, to request that the Members-Elect gather in the House of Assembly Chamber on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 10 o'clock in the morning in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmations of Office before me.”

Your Honour, I am pleased to report that Mr. Bruce Chaulk, the Chief Electoral Officer, has published reports in the June 3, 2019 and the June 7, 2019 editions of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* certifying that 39 Members-Elect were duly elected on May 16, 2019 and entitled to take their Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and their Oath or Affirmation of Office.

The results for the electoral District of Labrador West are subject to a judicial recount. The Member representing the District of Labrador West will be sworn in once the results of the recount are certified.

The June 3, 2019 and the June 7, 2019 editions of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* containing the reports of the Chief Electoral

Officers are deemed to be tabled and formally entered into the House records.

During the ceremony, each Member-Elect will be called in alphabetical order by electoral district name. As their name is called, the Member-Elect will enter the Chamber through the ceremonial doors and proceed to the lectern on Her Honour's left.

A Volume of Holy Scripture located on the shelf in the lectern is held by Members-Elect taking Oath. Each Member-Elect will either swear an Oath of Allegiance or affirm an allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as Queen of Canada, before Her Honour. This requirement is set forth in section 128 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* for all legislatures in Canada.

Each Member-Elect will also make an Oath or Affirmation of Office. This requirement is set forth in section 5 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. The individual Oaths or Affirmations for each Member-Elect will be provided to each Member by the Law Clerk, Kim Hawley-George, as they come forward to the podium.

After completing the Oaths or Affirmations, each Member will take a seat at the Table next to Her Honour and sign their Oaths or Affirmations. Her Honour and the Member will sign two copies of each Oath, one for the House records and one for the Member to retain. The Law Clerk will collect the signed Oaths or Affirmations. The Member will then proceed to the Clerk's Table to sign the Roll of Members next to the name of the electoral district they represent. The Roll of Members is a large, hand-lettered document on which is inscribed the name of each electoral district in the province.

The Member will then be escorted to their seat in the Chamber by a House of Assembly Page. Once all Members have signed the Roll, Her Honour, the Clerk assistant, the Law Clerk and Clerk will also sign the Roll. The signed Roll of Members is then hung in the corridor outside the Chamber. A facsimile of the Roll of Members will be prepared and given to each Member as a memento of this event at a later date, along with their signed Oaths or Affirmations as witnessed by Her Honour.

Your Honour, we will begin.

For the District of Baie Verte - Green Bay, Mr. Brian Warr.

MR. WARR: I, Brian Warr, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Brian Warr, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Baie Verte - Green Bay, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Bonavista, Mr. Craig Pardy.

MR. PARDY: I, Craig Pardy, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Craig Party, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Bonavista, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to

influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Burgeo - La Poile, Mr. Andrew Parsons.

MR. A. PARSONS: I, Andrew Parsons, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Andrew Parsons, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Burgeo - La Poile, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Burin - Grand Bank, Ms. Carol Anne Haley.

MS. HALEY: I, Carol Anne Haley, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Carol Anne Haley, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Burin - Grand Bank, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Cape St. Francis, Mr. Kevin Parsons.

MR. K. PARSONS: I, Kevin Parsons, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Kevin Parsons, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office for the Member of the District of Cape St. Francis, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of the Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde, Mr. Steve Crocker.

MR. CROCKER: I, Steve Crocker, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Steve Crocker, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relationship to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair, Ms. Lisa Dempster.

MS. DEMPSTER: I, Lisa Dempster, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Lisa Dempster, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Conception Bay East - Bell Island, Mr. David Brazil.

MR. BRAZIL: I, David Brazil, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, David Brazil, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Conception Bay East - Bell Island, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Conception Bay South, Mr. Barry Petten.

MR. PETTEN: I, Barry Petten, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Barry Petten, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Conception Bay South, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Corner Brook, Mr. Gerry Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: I, Gerry Byrne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Gerry Byrne, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Corner Brook, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Exploits, Mr. Pleaman Forsey.

MR. FORSEY: I, Pleaman Forsey, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Pleaman Forsey, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Exploits, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Ferryland, Mr. Loyola O’Driscoll.

MR. O’DRISCOLL: I, Loyola O’Driscoll, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Loyola O’Driscoll, swear that

(a) I am truly fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Ferryland, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

Thank you.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Fogo Island - Cape Freels, Mr. Derrick Bragg.

MR. BRAGG: I, Derrick Bragg, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Derrick Bragg, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Fogo Island - Cape Freels, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune, Mr. Elvis Loveless.

MR. LOVELESS: I, Elvis Loveless, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Elvis Loveless, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office the Member for the District of Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Gander, Mr. John Haggie.

MR. HAGGIE: I, John Haggie, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, John Haggie, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Gander, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans, Mr. Chris Tibbs.

MR. TIBBS: I, Chris Tibbs, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Chris Tibbs, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Harbour Grace - Port de Grave, Ms. Pam Parsons.

MS. P. PARSONS: I, Pam Parsons, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Pam Parsons, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Harbour Grace - Port de Grave, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Harbour Main, Ms. Helen Conway Ottenheimer.

MS. CONWAY OTTENHEIMER: I, Helen Conway Ottenheimer, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Helen Conway Ottenheimer, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Harbour Main, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Humber - Bay of Islands, Mr. Eddie Joyce.

MR. JOYCE: I, Eddie Joyce, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Eddie Joyce, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of the Member for the District of Humber - Bay of Islands, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Humber - Gros Morne, Mr. Dwight Ball.

PREMIER BALL: I, Dwight Ball, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Dwight Ball, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Humber - Gros Morne, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and I will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Lake Melville, Mr. Perry Trimper.

MR. TRIMPER: I, Perry Trimper, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Perry Trimper, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Lake Melville, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Lewisporte - Twillingate, Mr. Derek Bennett.

MR. BENNETT: I, Derek Bennett, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Derek Bennett, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Lewisporte - Twillingate, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Mount Pearl North, Mr. James Patrick Lester.

MR. LESTER: I, James Patrick Lester, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, James Patrick Lester, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Mount Pearl North, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Mount Pearl - Southlands, Mr. Paul Lane.

MR. LANE: I, Paul Lane, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Paul Lane, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Mount Pearl - Southlands, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and
- (d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Mount Scio, Ms. Sarah Stoodley.

MS. STOODLEY: I, Sarah Stoodley, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Sarah Stoodley, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Mount Scio, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Placentia - St. Mary's, Ms. Sherry Gambin-Walsh.

MS. GAMBIN-WALSH: I, Sherry Gambin-Walsh, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Sherry Gambin-Walsh, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Placentia - St. Mary's, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Placentia West - Bellevue, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas Paul Dwyer.

MR. DWYER: I, Jeffrey Thomas Paul Dwyer, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Jeffrey Thomas Paul Dwyer, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Placentia West - Bellevue, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows, Mr. Christopher Mitchelmore.

MR. MITCHELMORE: I, Christopher Mitchelmore, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Christopher Mitchelmore, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. George's - Humber, Mr. Scott Reid.

MR. REID: I, Scott Reid, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Scott Reid, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. George's - Humber, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's Centre, Mr. James Dinn.

MR. J. DINN: I, James Dinn, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, James Dinn, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John's Centre, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John's East - Quidi Vidi, Ms. Alison Coffin.

MS. COFFIN: I, Alison Coffin, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Alison Coffin, do affirm that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John’s East - Quidi Vidi, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and
- (d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly.

CLERK: For the electoral District of St. John’s West, Ms. Siobhan Coady.

MS. COADY: I, Siobhan Coady, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Siobhan Coady, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of St. John’s West, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and
- (d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Stephenville - Port au Port, Mr. Tony Wakeham.

MR. WAKEHAM: I, Tony Wakeham, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Tony Wakeham, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Stephenville - Port au Port, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and
- (d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Terra Nova, Mr. Lloyd Parrott.

MR. PARROTT: I, Lloyd Parrott, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Lloyd Parrott, swear that

- (a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Terra Nova, to which I have been elected;
- (b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- (c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Topsail - Paradise, Mr. Paul Dinn.

MR. P. DINN: I, Paul Dinn, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Paul Dinn, do affirm that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Topsail - Paradise, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Torngat Mountains, Ms. Lela Margaret Ann Evans.

MS. EVANS: I, Lela Margaret Ann Evans, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Lela Margaret Ann Evans, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Torngat Mountains, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville, Mr. Bernard Davis.

MR. DAVIS: I, Bernard Davis, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the law. So help me God.

I, Bernard Davis, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by this House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Waterford Valley, Mr. Tom Osborne.

MR. OSBORNE: I, Tom Osborne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Tom Osborne, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Waterford Valley, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Windsor Lake, Mr. Ches Crosbie.

MR. CROSBIE: I, Ches Crosbie, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Ches Crosbie, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Windsor Lake, to which I have been elected;

(b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections Act, 1991* respecting any matter in relation to my election;

(c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters; and

(d) I affirm, ascribe to and agree to follow the Code of Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, please congratulate the Members of the 49th General Assembly.

(Applause.)

CLERK: Her Honour, the Clerk Assistant, Ms. Elizabeth Murphy, and the Law Clerk, Ms. Kim Hawley-George, and I will now sign the Roll of Members.

Her Honour will now address this gathering.

HER HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR (Judy May Foote, PC, ONL):
Thank you.

There are many constitutional responsibilities that come with the position of Lieutenant-Governor, Newfoundland and Labrador, as there are in all provinces and territories. None more important than being here and witnessing what we did today.

Congratulations to each and every one of you. First, on putting your name forward. This is such an important position that you've all been elected to. It is so important that we acknowledge your commitment to make a difference in our province that we all love on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. I also want to acknowledge the supporters, family members and friends who are here today.

We all recognize that the challenges you've taken on in your new roles – new for some of you, old hat for others – but I think any time you're sworn in as a Member of the House of Assembly it's exciting, it doesn't matter how many years you've been doing the work. And I know that some of you when you came up this morning, a little nervous, but it's good to be nervous. It gets the adrenaline flowing.

This is such an important undertaking – not just for you, but as I said, for your families. It involves all members of your family, it involves your friends. Because you will learn, those of you who haven't, that it's an all-consuming job. You want to do the best you can. You're going to find yourself working around the clock, but that's because you believe in what you're doing and because you are committed to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and to the people who made it possible for you to be here.

There are going to be challenges ahead, and all I ask as a Lieutenant-Governor is that you work together. The collaboration that's going to be required to make this House of Assembly operate as it should in the best interest of the province that we love and the people we all want to have the best possible future is going to mean working together. So I implore each and every

one of you, to think deeply when you're giving thought to decisions that are going to be made in this House of Assembly, to think about the people you're representing, to think about the province that we all love.

Thank you so much for putting yourselves forward. Public service is a noble calling and the positions that you hold is public service at its highest. So I commend each and every one of you, but I thank each and every one of you for wanting to be involved, for making that commitment, to being dedicated to our province and to wanting to make a difference, which is, I think, what we all want to do, no matter what positions we hold in the province that we love.

Making a difference is something that you can do, and I congratulate you and thank you and wish you the very best.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

CLERK: This concludes the ceremony.

The House will convene at 1:30 this afternoon for the opening of the first session of the 49th General Assembly.

Thank you all for coming.