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SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS

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Members-Elect met in the Assembly Chamber on the morning of December 18, 2015, for the Swearing-In Ceremony.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

Madam Clerk, His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, has arrived.

CLERK (Ms. Barnes): Admit His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It is the wish of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, that all present be seated.

CLERK: Good morning.

As Clerk of the House of Assembly, it gives me great pleasure to welcome His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Frank Fagan, Her Honour, Mrs. Patricia Fagan, all Members-Elect and invited guests to this ceremony today.

Today, the Members-Elect gathered in this Chamber become Members of the House of Assembly for the Forty-Eighth General Assembly in our 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 Forty-Eighth General Assembly.

Before we get started, I wanted to make a note that our Broadcast people have noted that we are having a slight problem with the web streaming. It is variable, it is intermittent, but I just wanted all members to be aware of that.

I have a proclamation from His 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 November 30, 2015;

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 Friday, December 18, 2015 at 10 o'clock in the morning in order to take their Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and Oaths or Affirmation of Office before me.”

Your Honour, I am pleased to report that Mr. Victor Powers, Chief Electoral Officer, has published a report in the December 16, 2015 edition of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* assuring us that the forty Members-Elect were duly elected on November 30, 2015. All are entitled to take their Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Oath or Affirmation of Office. The December 16, 2015 edition of *The Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette* containing the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer is deemed to be tabled and formally entered into the House records.

It is noted that the Member-Elect for Topsail – Paradise is unavoidably absent today and will be sworn in at a later date.

During the ceremony, each Member-Elect will be called in the alphabetical order in which his or her district is inscribed on the Roll of Members; that is the large, hand-lettered document lying there on the Table of the House. The signed Roll of Members is then hung in the corridor outside of the Chamber.

Members-Elect will come forward, as they are called, to stand at the small lectern at His Honour's left. A Volume of Holy Scripture located on the small table is held by the Member-Elect if taking Oaths. Each Member-Elect will swear an Oath of Allegiance or affirm allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, as Queen of Canada, before His 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 have been left on your desks. You will find that there are two copies of each. We ask Members-Elect to take their copies with them when they come forward.

After completing the Oaths or Affirmations, each member will proceed to the Table to sign the Roll near Ms. Murphy, the Clerk Assistant. The member will then sign two copies of each Oath, one for House records and one for the member to retain.

Members are asked to leave the signed copies with Ms. Murphy at the Table as His Honour will sign them after the ceremony. Once all members have signed the Roll, His Honour, as well as the Clerk, Clerk Assistant and Law Clerk, will sign at the bottom. A facsimile of the Members' Roll will then be prepared by my office and given to each member as a memento of this event at a later date, along with the signed Oaths or Affirmations as witnessed by His Honour.

Because of time constraints, we ask that our guests hold applause until all Members-Elect have been sworn.

Your Honour, we will begin.

For the electoral 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 the Second, 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. Neil King.

MR. KING: I, Neil King, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Neil King, 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 the Second, 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 the Second, 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Kevin Parsons, swear that

(a) I am qualified to hold the office of Member for 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 personal or private interest 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 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to 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 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 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 the Second, 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 the Second, 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 the Second, 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 the Second, 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. Jerry Dean.

MR. DEAN: I, Jerry Dean, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Jerry Dean, 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. Keith Hutchings.

MR. HUTCHINGS: I, Keith Hutchings, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Keith Hutchings, swear that

(a) I am 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.

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

MR. BRAGG: I, Derrick Bragg, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Derrick Bragg, swear 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. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune, Ms. Tracey Perry.

MS. PERRY: I, Tracey Perry, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Tracey Perry, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

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. Allan Hawkins.

MR. HAWKINS: I, Allan Hawkins, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Allan Hawkins, 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to 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. Elizabeth Parsley.

MS. PARSLEY: I, Elizabeth Parsley, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Elizabeth Parsley, 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 the Second, 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 Member of 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to 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 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 Labrador West, Mr. Graham Letto.

MR. LETTO: I, Graham Letto, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Graham Letto, swear that

(a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of Member for the District of Labrador 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 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 the Second, 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. D. BENNETT: I, Derek Bennett, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, 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. Steve Kent.

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

I, Steve Kent, 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 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 the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to 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, Mr. Dale Kirby.

MR. KIRBY: I, Dale Kirby, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Dale Kirby, 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 the Second, 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. Mark Browne.

MR. BROWNE: I, Mark Browne, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Mark Browne, 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 the Second, 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 the Second, 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, Ms. Gerry Rogers.

MS. ROGERS: I, Gerry Rogers, do swear solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Gerry Rogers, do affirm 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, 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 East – Quidi Vidi, Ms. Lorraine Michael.

MS. MICHAEL: I, Lorraine Michael, do swear solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

I, Lorraine Michael, 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. So help me God.

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 the Second, 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 Conduct of Members adopted by the House of Assembly. So help me God.

CLERK: For the electoral District of Stephenville – Port au Port, Mr. John Finn.

MR. FINN: I, John Finn, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, John Finn, 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. Colin Holloway.

MR. HOLLOWAY: I, Colin Holloway, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Colin Holloway, 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 Torngat Mountains, Mr. Randy Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: I, Randy Edmunds, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Randy Edmunds, 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. B. DAVIS: I, Bernard Davis, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to 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 the 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 the Second, 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, Ms. Cathy Bennett.

MS. C. BENNETT: I, Cathy Bennett, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

I, Cathy Bennett, 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 gentleman, please congratulate the Members of the Forty-Eighth General Assembly.

(Applause.)

CLERK: His Honour, the Clerk Assistant, the Law Clerk, and I will now sign the Roll of Members.

Your Honour will now have a few words.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA): Thank you very much.

It has been a wonderful morning, and it has certainly been a great honour for me to participate in the Swearing-In of the Forty-Eighth General Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate you all for having taken on this wonderful roll of serving our Province in a way that very few other people get to do.

I would like to say, on behalf of the citizens of this Province, thank you. Thank you very much for putting yourselves forward for such an important role. I know that all of you are doing this because you want to make this Province a better place to live. I really, really thank you for that and express our appreciation.

I would also like to take the opportunity, because of the time of year, to wish you all a very, very Merry Christmas and all the best of the New Year; and just to say that we are having a levee at Government House on Sunday, the twentieth, from 3 o'clock to 4:30. I invite anyone here, and your friends and family, to join us just for a moment or two if you have an opportunity.

If I do not see you then, thank you very much for having me here today, and a wonderful day it is.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes the ceremony. A reception will now be held in the Government Members' caucus room, which is just behind the Chamber.

Guests in the galleries, please come downstairs
and come down the hall to the room at the end of
the long corridor.

Thank you all for coming.

Good morning.