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THE CANNABIS (DECLARATION OF EXEMPT EVENT) ORDER, 2025, made pursuant to Section 10 of The Cannabis Act 2018.

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as The Cannabis (Declaration of Exempt Event) Order, 2025.

2. Declaration of Exempt Event

In accordance with section 10 of the Cannabis Act, 2018, the Minister responsible for legal affairs hereby declares the following event to be an exempt event for the purposes of the Act:

Name of Event: 2nd Annual Wadadli Cannabis Festival

Date of Event: 19th April, 2025

Location: Antigua Botanical Gardens, St. John's, Antigua

3. Conditions of Exemption

Pursuant to section 10(2) of the Act, the following conditions apply to the event declared in paragraph 2:

- (a) Cannabis may be transported to, possessed, and used at the event by persons who are adherents of a prescribed religious body and are duly registered under the Act;
- (b) the quantity of cannabis permitted shall not exceed 15 grams per person;
- (c) no commercial sale or supply of cannabis shall occur at the event;
- (d) persons under the age of 18 years shall not be permitted to use cannabis at the event; and
- (e) cannabis shall only be used within the designated areas of the Antigua Botanical Gardens as approved by the Antigua and Barbuda Medicinal Cannabis Authority.

4. Publication

This Order shall be published in the Official *Gazette* and take effect on the date of publication.

Made the 9th day of April, 2025.

Hon. Sir Steadroy C.O. Benjamin KGCN,
*Attorney General and
Minister with responsibility for Justice, Legal Affairs,
Labour and National Security.*