



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Government of The Bahamas is committed to enabling, advancing and improving the financial wellbeing and the quality of life for all its citizens;

AND WHEREAS, the National Insurance Board of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas was established on October 7, 1974 to provide a system of social security coverage for the insured population of these Bahama Islands, and will mark its 40th Anniversary on October 7, 2014;

AND WHEREAS, the mission of the Board is to provide cash payments to eligible workers and/or their dependents, as partial replacement for wages lost due to sickness, childbirth, employment injury or disease, unemployment, invalidity, retirement or death, provide comprehensive medical care free-of charge to all employed persons and self-employed persons who suffer personal injury or contract a prescribed disease in the course of their employment, and provide assistance in respect of advanced age, invalidity, sickness and survivorship based on need to citizens and permanent residents of The Bahamas who do not qualify for the benefits as-of-right;

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of these goals, the said National Insurance Board partners with employers and self-employed persons to register and collect contributions from employers, employees, self-employed persons and voluntarily insured persons throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas;

AND WHEREAS, the Board administers the National Prescription Drug Plan which provides prescription medications and medical supplies free-of-charge to specified categories of persons suffering from chronic non-communicable diseases;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has organized an extensive schedule of activities to build public awareness of the rich history of its social security programme, to inform and update contributors and the general public about their benefits, rights and obligations under the National Insurance programme, and to emphasize the programme's impact upon and continued role in the sustained socioeconomic growth and development of the nation, under the theme: **"NIB.... 40 Years Later: Celebrating Our Past, Understanding the Present, Planning For the Future"**

NOW THEREFORE, I, Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 11, 2014 as launch day for the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the National Insurance Board, which culminate with "NATIONAL INSURANCE WEEK," commencing Sunday, October 5, 2014 and ending on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my Hand and Seal
this 7th day of March, 2014.

PERRY G. CHRISTIE
Prime Minister