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**NAMING OF SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AS JUBILEE HOUSE AND
PRESERVATION OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE**

WHEREAS, in recognition and celebration of Ghana's Golden Jubilee anniversary in 2007, a Presidential Palace was built to serve as the seat of the Presidency by His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, the 2nd President of the 4th Republic, and its official name designated by him as Jubilee House;

WHEREAS, prior to the construction of Jubilee House, most of Ghana's national leaders lived and worked at the Christianborg Castle at Osu, built by the Danes in 1661 as a slave fort;

WHEREAS, after Ghana became a Republic in 1960, the 1st President of Ghana, His Excellency Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, President of the 1st Republic, moved into Flagstaff House, and stayed there throughout his Presidency;

WHEREAS, Flagstaff House, until then, had been the residence not only of the colonial military officer commanding the West African Frontier Force in the four British West African colonies of Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Gambia, as was the case in other British colonies around the world, but also the residence of the commander of Ghana's Armed Forces, immediately after independence;

WHEREAS, after the overthrow of the 1st Republic on 24th February, 1966, Flagstaff House was returned to the control of Ghana's military, and Christianborg Castle became, again, the seat of Government;

WHEREAS, Jubilee House is the first Presidential Palace, built in independent Ghana, to serve expressly as the seat of the Presidency of Ghana;

WHEREAS Flagstaff House is a separate property located on the premises of Jubilee House;

WHEREAS, there is no record evidencing the renaming of the seat of the Presidency as Flagstaff House by His Excellency Professor John Evans Atta Mills, the 3rd President of the 4th Republic, in purported exercise of his executive authority; and

WHEREAS, for historical and tourism purposes, Flagstaff House, which is situated on the premises of Jubilee House, should be preserved and commemorated as the residence of the 1st President of Ghana;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred on the President under article 58 of the Constitution, **I, NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO**, President of the Republic, give notice that the seat of the Presidency of Ghana shall, hereafter, be named, known and referred to as Jubilee House, and the property known as Flagstaff House, located on the premises of Jubilee House, shall be preserved and commemorated as such.

Given under my hand this 29th day of March, 2018.



NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

