



## A PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir PATRICK LINTON ALLEN, Member of the Order of the Nation, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Order of Distinction, Knight of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor General of Jamaica

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

**WHEREAS** the services to offenders were fragmented and duplicated prior to 1975 and the inefficiencies demanded urgent and workable solutions;

**AND WHEREAS** one solution involved the amalgamation of the prison service, probation service and approved schools;

**AND WHEREAS** since its operations the Department of Correctional Services has remained committed to the mission of rehabilitating offenders for their reintegration;

**AND WHEREAS** the Department is serving the needs of all our clients by creating and facilitating opportunities for their empowerment and rehabilitation; resulting in a more peaceful, caring and productive society;

**AND WHEREAS** the Department continues to contribute to the safety and protection of our society by keeping offenders secure and facilitating their rehabilitation and reintegration as law abiding citizens, while developing a professional and committed staff;

**AND WHEREAS** in recognition of the Department of Correctional Services forty years of outstanding service to national safety and security, and in honouring its past and continued commitment to rehabilitation for the next forty years and beyond:

**NOW THEREFORE, I, PATRICK LINTON ALLEN**, Member of the Order of the Nation, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Order of Distinction, Knight of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor-General of Jamaica, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October 2015 as Correctional Services Month.

Given under my hand at King's House this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.