

At the Court at St James's,
Saturday September 10th 2022

PRESENT

The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

His Majesty, being this day present
in Council, was pleased to make the
following Declaration:

“My Lords, Ladies, and
Gentlemen.

It is my most sorrowful duty to
announce to you the death of my
beloved Mother, The Queen.

I know how deeply you, the
entire Nation — and I think I may
say the whole world — sympathise
with me in the irreparable loss we
have all suffered. It is the greatest
consolation to me to know of the
sympathy expressed by so many to
my Sister and Brothers and that such
overwhelming affection and support
should be extended to our whole
family in our loss.

To all of us as a family, as to
this kingdom and the wider family
of nations of which it is a part, my
Mother gave an example of lifelong
love and of selfless service.

My Mother's reign was unequalled
in its duration, its dedication and its
devotion. Even as we grieve, we give
thanks for this most faithful life.

I am deeply aware of this great
inheritance and of the duties and
heavy responsibilities of Sovereignty
which have now passed to me. In
taking up these responsibilities, I
shall strive to follow the inspiring
example I have been set in upholding
constitutional government and
to seek the peace, harmony and
prosperity of the peoples of these
Islands and of the Commonwealth
Realms and Territories throughout
the world.

In this purpose, I know that I shall
be upheld by the affection and loyalty
of the peoples whose Sovereign I
have been called upon to be, and
that in the discharge of these duties
I will be guided by the counsel of
their elected parliaments. In all this,
I am profoundly encouraged by the
constant support of my beloved wife.

I take this opportunity to confirm
my willingness and intention to
continue the tradition of surrendering
the hereditary revenues including of
the Crown Estate to my government
for the benefit of all, in return for the
Sovereign Grant, which supports my
official duties as Head of State and
Head of Nation.