



**GOBERNACION**

Departamento Archipiélago de San Andrés,  
Providencia y Santa Catalina  
Reserva de Biosfera Scaflowen  
NIT:892400038-2

**DECREE 0594**  
(December 17 2025)

"Whereby the Departmental Government shares the sorrows of the passing away of Mr. **JOSEPH FRANCIS STEPHENSON** and hereby renders to him posthumous homage".

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast". 1 Peter 5:10.

THE DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO OF SAN ANDRES,  
PROVIDENCE AND KETHLEENA, in use of her legal faculties and,

**CONSIDERING**

On December 13th 2025, on the Island of San Andrés, Mr. **JOSEPH FRANCIS STEPHENSON**, passed away. He was the nephew of **NOHORA EMILIA FRANCIS MENDOZA** and **MYRIAM STEPHENSON MITCHELL**, coordinator and teacher at the **Brooks Hill Bilingual School** and **LEONOR STEPNEASON MITCHELL**, administrative worker from the Departmental Natania. All are active workers from the staff of education.

This Administration, its staff and the islander community in general have received with deep sorrows this regrettable loss.

Based on the above.

**DECREES:**

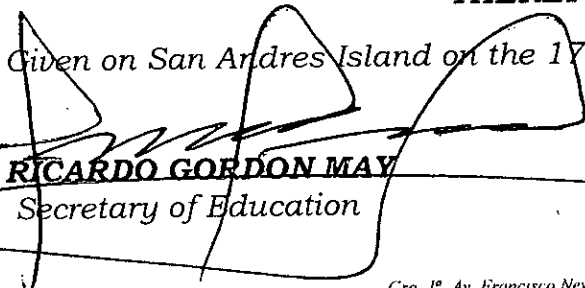
**ARTICLE ONE:** With deep sorrow, the Departmental Government through its Secretary of Education **Pastor RICARDO GORDON MAY**, joins the grief of his mother, father, brothers, sisters; aunts, uncles, relatives, friends, and the community of the island, for the death of Mr. **JOSEPH FRANCIS STEPHENSON**, and expresses its condolences.

**ARTICLE TWO:** Present this decree in the name of the Local Government, and the Departmental Secretariat of Education, our sincere condolence, asking God to be with the **FRANCIS STEPHENSON, family** in these painful moments.

**ARTICLE THREE:** The present decree is in force as from the date of issue.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

Given on San Andres Island on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month of December 2025.

  
**RICARDO GORDON MAY**  
Secretary of Education