



**OFFICE OF THE HONORARY GOVERNOR-GENERAL
COMMONWEALTH OF THE DAVIS ISLANDS**

PROCLAMATION NO. 002 OF 2026

**Concerning the Ceremonial Incorporation of Twin Island and the Designation of the
Ceremonial Capital**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of the Davis Islands was ceremonially founded on 8 October 2026 at the Chimney Sweeps Islands in Long Island Sound;

WHEREAS, Twin Island, within Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, possesses a distinctive maritime, ecological, and historical heritage worthy of recognition;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides for the designation of ceremonial geographic regions and the issuance of proclamations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew J., Founder and Honorary Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Davis Islands, acting solely within the voluntary and symbolic authority of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim as follows:

ARTICLE I - CEREMONIAL INCORPORATION

Twin Island is hereby recognized within the ceremonial geography of the Commonwealth of the Davis Islands. This recognition is symbolic only and does not constitute annexation, acquisition, occupation, or a claim of territorial sovereignty.

ARTICLE II - CEREMONIAL CAPITAL

Twin Island is designated the Ceremonial Capital and symbolic Seat of the Honorary Governor-General. The Chimney Sweeps Islands shall retain their designation as the Founding Islands of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE

The existing land connection leading to Twin Island may be known in the Commonwealth's unofficial ceremonial publications as Governor's Bridge. This name does not replace any established geographic or municipal designation.

ARTICLE IV - HISTORIC AND NATURAL HERITAGE

The Commonwealth shall honor the historic name of Twin Island and encourage respect for its natural habitats, wildlife, coastal environment, and the heritage of the surrounding Pelham Bay

area.

ARTICLE V - PUBLIC JURISDICTION AND ACCESS

Twin Island and all other locations referenced by the Commonwealth remain subject to their existing lawful ownership, management, and jurisdiction. All persons must observe applicable federal, New York State, and New York City laws, park rules, wildlife protections, and boating regulations, and comply with lawful directives of authorized officials, including the United States Coast Guard, NYPD, NYC Parks Enforcement Patrol personnel, Urban Park Rangers, and other federal, state, and municipal authorities acting within their lawful powers. This proclamation grants no special access, enforcement authority, or right to install structures or flags on public land.

ARTICLE VI - COMMENCEMENT AND CEREMONY

This proclamation shall take effect upon its signature and issuance. A separate, temporary ceremonial presentation of the Commonwealth Red Ensign may be held on a later date, subject to all applicable park rules and permissions.

ISSUED this 14th day of October, 2026.

Matthew J. _____

Matthew J.
Founder and Honorary Governor-General
Commonwealth of the Davis Islands

Ceremonial Seal: The heraldic insignia reproduced above identifies the issuing office.

This is an internal ceremonial instrument of a private, non-sovereign association. It does not alter any public or private property rights or governmental jurisdiction.