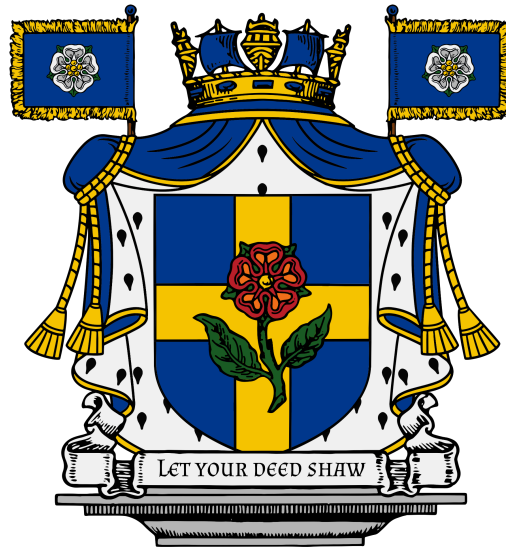


**PROCLAMATION OF TERRITORIAL ESTABLISHMENT: THE PROVINCE
OF HIGHCREST**

OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME OFFICE



An Proclamation

To establish the Administrative Region of The Province of
Highcrest

INTRODUCED

10th April 2026

By Proprietor The Rt. Rev. Dr. Sir Stanley F. Garland, D.Div. (Hon.), Knight of the
Order of the Melting Mountain, Chief Justice of Mabruenia, Provost of the
Universalist Collegium

Preamble

WHEREAS the Gaelic Kingdom of Mabruenia seeks to expand its sovereign reach and
provide for the organized administration of its territories;

WHEREAS the land colloquially known as Summit Home Apartments in the Clover
Creek area has been surveyed and found suitable for incorporation;

The Crown and the Ministry of the Home Office hereby decree the establishment of the
Province of Highcrest.

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Article I – Territorial Definitions

- *Name and Status:* The region shall be officially designated as the **Province of Highcrest**, an **Administrative Region of the Gaelic Kingdom of Mabruenia**.
- *The Provincial Capital:* The seat of government and primary administrative hub (or ‘Capital’) for the province shall be located at **Waller’s Reach**.
- *Territorial Fluidity and Relocation:* The borders of Highcrest are established based on the current Satellite Mirror Survey. However, the Kingdom recognizes the **Prince-Justice’s Right of Transference**. Should the Prince-Justice relocate his primary residence, he reserves the authority to update the provincial borders via an **Amended Survey**, effectively transferring the status of Highcrest to the new land or adding new holdings to the province’s jurisdiction.
- *Administrative Mirroring:* Any new land added or replaced under this Article must be surveyed using the same satellite-mirroring standards to maintain the Kingdom’s cartographic integrity.

Article II – Governance and Oversight

- *The Prince-Justice of Highcrest:* The administration, civil registration, and territorial security of the Province shall be led by **The Prince-Justice**, a title held in conjunction with the office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mabruenia.
- *Confirmation of Office:* Proprietor The Rt. Rev. Dr. Sir Stanley F. Garland, in his capacity as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mabruenia and Minister of the Home Office, is hereby confirmed as the first **Prince-Justice of Highcrest**.
- *Administrative Authority:* As the Prince-Justice, the holder is confirmed as the supreme **Regional Administrator**, holding the right of executive action and the authority to maintain the Crown’s Peace within the province.

Article III – The Highcrest Protections

Title I: The Green Frontier & Bodily Autonomy Protection Act

This section establishes permanent legal immunity for cannabis based on established scientific and sociological data, specifically, [the Harmfulness and Addiction Rate \(HAAR\) Scale](#), [the Siler Report \(1933\)](#), [the LaGuardia Report \(1944\)](#), and [the "Scientific and Civil Mandate"](#).

- I. *Incorporation of the Siler Report (1933):* The Government of Highcrest formally recognizes the findings of the U.S. Army Medical Corps (Siler et al.), which

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- determined that cannabis is "not habit forming in the same way as opiates" and that its impact on military discipline was negligible.
- II. *Incorporation of the LaGuardia Report (1944)*: The Region adopts the conclusions of the Mayor's Committee on Marihuana, asserting that cannabis does not lead to physical addiction, is not a "gateway" to harder drugs, and is not a determining factor in major crime or juvenile delinquency.
 - III. *Application of the HAAR Scale*: Consistent with the Harmfulness and Addiction Rate (HAAR) Scale, cannabis is classified as a low-risk substance due to its minimal acute toxicity and lower addiction potential compared to combustible cigarettes (HAAR 92.5) or alcohol (HAAR 35).
 - IV. *Scope of Protection*: This Act provides absolute regional protection for *Cannabis* and all its constituents, including but not limited to:
 - **Raw/Inhaled**: Flower, Hash, and Hemp (including Plant, Smoke, and Vape forms).
 - **Concentrates**: Wax, Oil, and Crystal/Diamond (Vape).
 - **Ingestibles**: Food and Drink (Edibles).
 - V. *The "Liver Transformation" Standard*: Following the scientific mandate that 11-hydroxy-THC (via first-pass metabolism in edibles) provides systemic relief without pulmonary pollutants, edibles are designated as the regional "Gold Standard" for medicinal delivery.
 - VI. *Homegrow Rights*: The right to cultivate cannabis for personal use within a private household is a protected regional liberty, categorized as an Autonomous Household Management right under decentralization principles.
 - VII. *Anti-Prohibition Immunity*: Because there is no federal prohibition, these protections are Vested Rights. Any future attempt by national officials to restrict these forms shall be considered a violation of the "Scientific and Civil Mandate" and a contradiction of biological reality.
 - VIII. *Prohibition of Enforcement*: No regional resources shall be used to enforce any future federal or foreign restriction on the forms of cannabis protected under this title.

Title II: Universal Identity, Relationship, & Biological Diversity Protection Act

In accordance with constitutional protections, specifically Mabruenian Bill of Rights, Section I, which states: "All Mabruenian citizens are equal before the law. No person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristic." This section establishes the Province of Highcrest as a sanctuary for diverse identities and biological realities, specifically protecting those often marginalized by global ideologies.

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- I. Fundamental Recognition:* The Government of Highcrest formally recognizes the biological reality of Naturally Born Intersex Individuals as a valid and essential part of human diversity.
- II. Protection Against Erasure:* No regional entity or ideology shall engage in actions intended to pretend they don't exist or actively eliminate their presence.
- III. Medical Autonomy:* Intersex individuals in Highcrest possess absolute sovereignty over their own bodies. Non-consensual "corrective" surgeries on intersex infants or minors are strictly prohibited within regional jurisdiction, preserving the individual's right to self-determine their identity later in life.
- IV. Sanctuary of Identity:* Building upon the federal protections of the Mabruenian Bill of Rights, Section I, Highcrest provides a regional shield for all sexual preferences and gender identities.
- V. Affirmation of Relationships:* Legal protection extends beyond the individual to the actual relationships formed from these preferences and identities. Any consensual relationship between adults is recognized as a valid Autonomous Household under Mabruenian decentralization principles.
- VI. Anti-Discrimination Enforcement:* Any act of discrimination in housing, employment, or regional services based on identity or relationship status is a violation of this Act and the Mabruenian Constitution.
- VII. Constitutional Alignment:* These protections are declared to be in perfect harmony with the Mabruenian Constitution Preamble's commitment to "establish justice... and secure our liberty."
- VIII. Preemptive Immunity:* Like the cannabis protections in Title I, these rights are Vested Rights. Any future federal attempt to roll back these liberties shall be deemed Incompatible with Highcrest's Regional Autonomy.

Title III: The Digital Sovereignty & Data Privacy Act

This title establishes regional standards for the protection of the digital person, addressing technological liberties not explicitly detailed in the federal constitution.

- I. Fundamental Right to Privacy:* The right of residents to secure their communications and data using end-to-end encryption and other privacy-preserving technologies is recognized as a protected regional liberty.
- II. Prohibition of Mandatory Weakening:* No regional agency or official shall mandate the creation of "backdoors," the escrow of private keys, or the intentional weakening of cryptographic standards for individuals or private entities.

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- III. Ownership Standard:* All personal data generated by, or pertaining to, a citizen within the jurisdiction of the Province of Highcrest is defined as the private property of that individual.
- IV. Consent Requirements:* The harvesting, sale, or sharing of personal data by regional entities is strictly prohibited without explicit, informed, and revocable consent from the data owner.
- V. Audit Mandate:* Any regional administrative use of automated decision-making or Artificial Intelligence must be transparent and subject to human audit.
- VI. Non-Discrimination:* Automated systems utilized by the regional government must be regularly screened to ensure they do not produce the "automated bias" prohibited by the anti-discrimination principles of the Mabruenian Bill of Rights, Section I of the Constitution.
- VII. Vested Rights:* The protections established in this Title are declared Vested Rights of the people of Highcrest..
- VIII. Preemptive Immunity:* Any future national attempt to roll back these protections within the region shall be deemed Incompatible with the Administrative Autonomy of the Province of Highcrest and shall remain unenforceable without a specific, recorded vote of the regional government.

Title IV: The Ecological Personhood & Environmental Shield Act

This title expands the constitutional commitment to improving the standard of life to include the broader preservation of the regional ecosystem.

- I. Limited Personhood:* Critical biomes, waterways, and airspaces within the Province of Highcrest are granted "Limited Personhood," providing the Prince-Justice with the legal standing to represent these entities in court against industrial degradation or pollution.
- II. Duty of Care:* All regional development must be balanced against the inherent right of the ecosystem to exist, persist, and regenerate.
- III. Sanctuary Status:* Building upon the Mabruenian Constitution's mandate to improve the standard of life, Highcrest is designated a "Zero-Conflict Zone" for local fauna and migratory species.
- IV. Migratory Preservation:* All new infrastructure projects must prioritize the preservation of local migratory paths and habitat integrity to ensure the continued natural health of the Province.

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- V. Resource Stewardship:* The region shall prioritize "Circular Economy" models, incentivizing the use of localized manufacturing and repair via the Technical Foundry to minimize industrial waste and environmental impact.
- VI. Vested Rights:* The environmental protections established in this Title are declared Vested Rights of the people of Highcrest..
- VII. Preemptive Immunity:* Any future national attempt to roll back environmental standards or habitat protections within the region shall be deemed Incompatible with the Administrative Autonomy of the Province of Highcrest and shall remain unenforceable without a specific, recorded vote of the regional government.

Title V: The Scientific Inquiry & Open Innovation Act

This title codifies the right to technical and scientific advancement as a cornerstone of regional growth.

- I. Freedom of Research:* The right of individuals to conduct non-hazardous scientific research, including biological, chemical, and technical experimentation for personal or academic enrichment, is a protected regional liberty.
- II. Safety Compliance:* Such research remains protected so long as it adheres to established regional safety and ethical standards.
- III. Mandatory Attribution:* To prevent the monopolization of essential technologies and ensure "Mandatory Attribution," all hardware and software developed utilizing regional public funds must be published under permissive licenses, such as the **CERN-OHL-P** License.
- IV. Anti-Patent Clause:* The region shall not recognize or enforce restrictive patents on technologies developed through regional public innovation programs.
- V. Scientific Journalism:* The constitutional "freedom of the press" is explicitly extended to include scientific journalists and citizen researchers.
- VI. Access to Data:* These individuals shall have the right to access non-classified regional scientific and administrative data for the purpose of public analysis and peer review.
- VII. Vested Rights:* The scientific and innovation liberties established in this Title are declared Vested Rights of the people of the Province of Highcrest.
- VIII. Preemptive Immunity:* Any future federal attempt to restrict open-source development or citizen research shall be deemed Incompatible with Regional Autonomy and shall remain unenforceable within the region without a specific, recorded vote of the regional government.

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Title VI: The Right to Repair & Technical Autonomy Act

This title establishes the regional commitment to technical sustainability and the protection of independent maintenance, aligning with the Circular Economy goals of the region.

- I. Consumer Sovereignty:* Residents within this jurisdiction have the inherent right to repair, modify, and maintain their own electronic, digital, and mechanical property.
- II. Access to Documentation:* Manufacturers and distributors are encouraged to provide accessible repair manuals, diagnostic tools, and parts to the public to mitigate industrial waste and planned obsolescence.
- III. Authorized Manufacturing:* The utilization of additive manufacturing (3D printing) for the creation of replacement components for private, commercial, or regional use is a protected activity.
- IV. Anti-Lockout Clause:* Software locks or digital rights management (DRM) intended solely to prevent the independent repair of hardware are recognized as a violation of regional property rights.
- V. Vested Rights:* The technical liberties established in this Title are declared Vested Rights of the people.
- VI. Preemptive Immunity:* Any future federal attempt to criminalize independent repair or restrict additive manufacturing shall be deemed Incompatible with Regional Autonomy and shall remain unenforceable within this jurisdiction.

Title VII: The Journalistic Integrity & Information Freedom Act

This title protects the fundamental right to gather and disseminate information, ensuring that journalistic protections are based on activity rather than state-issued credentials.

- I. Universal Recognition:* The Regional Government recognizes that journalism is a function performed by any individual or entity engaged in the collection, analysis, and public dissemination of news and information.
- II. Credential Independence:* The rights and protections afforded to journalists within this jurisdiction shall not be contingent upon the possession of specific government or institutional credentials, licenses, or "Verified" statuses.
- III. Privileged Communication:* Any individual performing a journalistic function shall not be compelled by any regional authority to disclose confidential sources or raw research data, preserving the integrity of the information-gathering process.
- IV. Shield Against Harassment:* The region provides a legal shield against "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation" (SLAPP). Any litigation found to be

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intended primarily to silence, intimidate, or financially burden an individual performing a journalistic function shall be subject to immediate dismissal and fee recovery.

- V. *Vested Rights*: The liberties of information and journalistic function established in this Title are declared Vested Rights of the people.
- VI. *Preemptive Immunity*: Any future federal attempt to centralize media licensing, or to restrict journalistic protections only to "approved" or "credentialed" outlets, shall be deemed Incompatible with Regional Autonomy and shall remain unenforceable within this jurisdiction.

Title VIII: The Highcrest Sanctuary & Universal Non-Cooperation Mandate

This Title establishes the overarching enforcement shield for all preceding Titles within this Article, ensuring the integrity of regional autonomy.

- I. *Universal Sanctuary Status*: the Province of Highcrest is hereby designated a Sovereign Administrative Sanctuary. This status applies to all liberties, rights, and technical standards established under Titles I through VIII of this Article.
- II. *Primacy of Scientific and Technical Evidence*: In all matters of regional administration, the evidence-based standards adopted in this Article—including the HAAR Scale and CERN Open Hardware protocols—shall be the primary legal authorities within the Province.
- III. *Resource Protection*: No regional funds, personnel, facilities, or property of the Province of Highcrest shall be utilized to assist any federal, national, or foreign agency in the investigation, enforcement, or prosecution of activities that are protected by any Title of this Article.
- IV. *Irrevocability*: The protections established in this Article are recognized as Vested Rights of the citizens of the Province of Highcrest.
- V. *Anti-Nullification*: Any attempt by an external authority to bypass these regional protections shall be formally met with a Notice of Administrative Refusal from the Prince-Justice's Office, citing the constitutional compartmentalization of regional management.

Article IV – Land Use and Administrative Standards

- *Provincial Reserves*: All naturally occurring green spaces, water bodies, and undeveloped land within the province are hereby designated as **Provincial Nature Reserves**, protected by the Office of the Prince-Justice.

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- *Zoning Autonomy*: The Prince-Justice reserves the right to establish unique residential and utility zoning standards within the Province that account for the specific architectural density of Highcrest.

Article V – Sovereignty and Enactment

- *Sovereign Sanctuary*: The Province of Highcrest is a recognized sanctuary of the Kingdom.
- *Formal Enactment*: This Proclamation, and all Protections, Titles, and Articles contained herein, are hereby enacted into the regional law of the Province of Highcrest. This decree shall take full legal effect immediately upon the application of the Royal Assent.