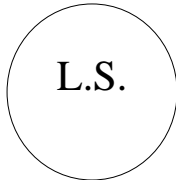


Legal Notice No. 14 of 2024

ASCENSION ISLAND



CURRENCY (ASCENSION) ORDINANCE, 2009

PROCLAMATION

In the Name of His Majesty Charles III, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

By His Excellency
Nigel Phillips CBE
Governor

WHEREAS it is fitting that coins to commemorate The Coat of Arms – John F Kennedy designs should be issued under the provisions of section 4(1) of the Currency (Ascension) Ordinance, 2009, which said coins shall be legal tender in Ascension.

AND WHEREAS it is within the province of the Governor to specify the denomination, weight, form and design and composition of coins to be made and issued, by Proclamation and with the approval of the Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Governor of Ascension, acting in accordance with the provisions of section 4(2) of the Ordinance, and with the approval of the Secretary of State, do hereby order and specify for Ascension the following coins:

AB 29 *No.14 Commemorative Coins John F Kennedy Designs*

	Face Value	Alloy	Quality	Diameter	Gross Weight	Royalty
COA JFK	Five Dollars	Silver	Proof	65mm	5oz	£5
COA JFK	One Hundred Dollars	Gold	Proof	32mm	1oz	£10

This design, created by renowned numismatic artist Jody Clark, is based on the famous original Kennedy Half Dollar, which was first minted in 1964 and intended as a memorial to the assassinated 35th President of the United States. It was authorised by Congress just over a month after his death, which was an incredibly quick turnaround time. Use of existing works by Mint sculptors Gilroy Roberts (who created the side profile portrait of Kennedy) and Frank Gasparro (responsible for the modified Presidential Seal) allowed for dies to be produced quickly and coins to begin to be struck in January 1964. The Half Dollar denomination was the choice of the First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy as she preferred that he be depicted on this denomination, replacing the previous design of Benjamin Franklin, rather than replacing George Washington on the Quarter Dollar. This coin was so popular, both at home and abroad, with demand far outstripping supply, that eventually almost 430 million Half Dollars, dated 1964 were struck – an amount greater than the total number struck for circulation in the sixteen years of the Franklin Half Dollar series.

Obverse - Left profile portrait of John F Kennedy, created by Jody Clark and based on the original design by Gilroy Roberts. A small privy mark bearing the shield from the Ascension Island crest is positioned just at the base of his neck.

Reverse – Created by Jody Clark and based on the original modified Presidential Seal by Frank Gasparro. The Ascension Island Coat of Arms can be seen to the right of the eagle.

Given under my hand the public seal of St Helena, at the Castle, Jamestown, this 17th day of June 2024.

GOD SAVE THE KING!