

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. The Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of
 2 the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act")
 3 is hereby amended as set out hereunder. Enactment

4 2. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by replacing the
 5 phrase "not later than 1st September in each year" with the phrase "not later
 6 than 1st August in each year" and by replacing the phrase "on the first
 7 Thursday in the month of December" with the phrase "on the 1st of October
 8 in each year" as follows: Amendment of
 section 8 of the
 Act

9 "Where the Board, after consideration of the report of the
 10 committee of assessors mentioned in section 7 of this Act, is of opinion that
 11 the circumstances are such as to render it expedient that an award be made to
 12 a particular person or that a joint award should be made to two persons in the
 13 field concerned, it shall transmit its decision to the secretary to the
 14 Government of the Federation not later than 1st August in each year so as to
 15 enable the President to make the Award to the recipient or recipients
 16 concerned on the 1st of October in each year."

17 3. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian National Merit Award Act Citation
 18 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian National Merit Award Act in order to provide for the conferment of a National Merit Award on a deserving citizen on a National day.