

## **Certificate of Authenticity**

2017 \$2 Fine Silver Coin – Falcon of Tutankhamun

### **Product Specifications**

- Coin Metal: 99.9% pure silver
- Coin Finish: Proof
- Coin Weight: 62.2 g
- Coin Diameter: 50 mm
- Coin Denomination: \$2
- Year of Issue: 2017
- Coin Mintage: 999
- Country of Issue: Niue

### **Coin Story**

Amid numerous masterpieces of Egyptian artistic jewelry discovered in the tomb of Tutankhamun, there were found several necklaces and pectorals bearing the effigy of a falcon. The bird represents Horus, the god of the sky and kingship, whose earthly incarnation was the pharaoh – the ruler of Ancient Egypt. The necklaces in the shape of a falcon were worn as amulets protecting a person against evil forces, calamities and natural disasters. The falcon of Tutankhamun holds in its talons two shen rings – symbols of infinity and eternal protection. In ancient times amber, called the “tears of the Sun”, was a symbol of immortality and rebirth.

Your coin depicts the Falcon of Tutankhamun, Egyptian style completely coloured, with wings and legs outstretched. Additionally, your coin features three natural amber inserts, two small ones near the legs of the Falcon and a big one between the wings, just above the head. All around your coin are three characteristic Egyptian decorations. The obverse of the coin depicts the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the inscriptions: “ELIZABETH II” – the name of the Queen, “NIUE” – the issue country, “2017” – the issue date and “TWO DOLLARS” – the face value. All around the obverse, three characteristic Egyptian decorations and the three natural amber inserts are also visible on the obverse.