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SENATE

Wednesday, 15th July 2020

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Prayers.**
- 3. Announcements by the President.**
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- 14. Public Business.**

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice Paper attached)*

1. Re-Appointment of Ms. Deshawn Arzu Torres as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2020.
2. Appointment of Mr. Estevan Perera as Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Motion, 2020.

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II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. Re-Appointment of Ms. Deshawn Arzu Torres as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2020.

WHEREAS, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

AND WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Act further provides that in the process of consultation with the Leader of the Opposition for the appointment of the Chairperson, the Prime Minister shall use his best endeavours to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor General to re-appoint **MS. DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, Attorney-at-Law, as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, is a person of integrity and high national standing and is duly qualified to be re-appointed as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A (2)(c) and section 61A (3), of the Constitution of Belize provides that a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate signified through a resolution supported by a simple majority of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of **MS. DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be re-appointed as

Chairperson of the Integrity Commission, hereby approves her re-appointment as such, for a further period of two (2) years with effect from 1st June, 2020.

2. Appointment of Mr. Estevan Perera as Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Motion, 2020.

WHEREAS, section 88(1) of the Belize Constitution provides that there shall be an Elections and Boundaries Commission which shall consist of a Chairman and four other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

AND WHEREAS, subsection (2) of the said section 88 further provides that the Chairman and two other members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, and the remaining two members shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, provided that in the process of consultation with the Leader of the Opposition for the appointment of the Chairman, the Prime Minister shall use his best endeavours to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, it is further provided by subsection (4) of the said section 88 that if any member of the Commission dies or resigns, the Governor-General shall appoint another person in his place in the same manner in which such member was appointed;

AND WHEREAS, MR. DOUGLAS SINGH, who was appointed as Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission for a period of 5 years on 1st January, 2016, has resigned;

AND WHEREAS, the Prime Minister, after due consultation with, and having used his best endeavours to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition, intends to advise the Governor-General that **MR. ESTEVAN PERERA** be appointed as the Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission for a period of five (5) years with effect from 8th July 2020;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A (2)(c) and section 61A (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that a member of the Elections and Boundaries Commission can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate signified through a resolution supported by a simple majority of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, being satisfied that **MR. ESTEVAN PERERA** is a person of integrity and high national standing, approves his appointment as Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission for a period of five (5) years with effect from **8th July 2020**, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Belize Constitution.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Food, Agriculture and Immigration)

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