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PRESS RELEASE

The National Assembly Celebrates World Sight Day

— **13th October 2022**—Today is World Sight Day and the National Assembly of Belize on the invitation of the Belize Council for the Visually Impaired (BCVI) supported the initiative to commemorate the day by promoting eye health care with parliamentarians. This was done through eye screening as part of the National Assembly Staff Committee meeting held today. Members of the National Assembly Staff Committee and staff members of the parliament participated in the eye screening services provided by the BCVI team today in Belmopan.

On 23rd July 2021, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously passed its first resolution on vision: Vision for Everyone – Accelerating Action to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. BCVI, non-profit organization, is the country's only non-private provider of eyecare working to reduce avoidable blindness and improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments and irreversible blindness through comprehensive appropriate eye services. The organization signed into the global initiative led by The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) calling for the promotion of eye care health with the support of government officials and members of parliament.

During the course of the day, BCVI continued its eye screening initiative with other sectors and ministries of government in Belmopan. BCVI will continue promoting the importance of eye health and its link to sustainable development goals by providing outreach eye screening sessions countrywide, in partnership with parliamentarians.

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