

Appointment of Ombudsman Motion, 2022.

WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 5 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, provides that the Ombudsman shall be appointed by the Governor-General acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf;

AND WHEREAS, both Houses of the National Assembly intend to advise the Governor-General to appoint **MAJOR HERMAN GILBERT SWASO (Ret'd)** as Ombudsman for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st January, 2023;

AND WHEREAS, **MAJOR HERMAN GILBERT SWASO (Ret'd)** is 61 years of age (d.o.b. 13th April 1961) and falls within the age limit prescribed by the Ombudsman Act;

AND WHEREAS, **MAJOR HERMAN GILBERT SWASO (Ret'd)** fulfills the requirements for appointment to the office of Ombudsman as prescribed in the Ombudsman Act;

AND WHEREAS, sections 61A (2) (c) and (3) of the Belize Constitution provide that the Ombudsman can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, being satisfied that **MAJOR HERMAN GILBERT SWASO (Ret'd)** is a fit and proper person to be appointed as Ombudsman, hereby approves that the said **MAJOR HERMAN GILBERT SWASO (Ret'd)** be appointed as Ombudsman for a period of three (3) years with effect from January 1, 2023.