## **Resolution** Authorizing the Accession to the Protocol and its Declarations and Regulations relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks Motion, 2022.

**WHEREAS,** the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks 1989 (hereinafter called "the Protocol') entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1995;

**AND WHEREAS,** the objective of the Protocol is to, inter alia, simplify the international registration process for businesses and innovators by obtaining trademark protection by filing one single international application;

**AND WHEREAS,** the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Protocol, pursuant to Article 14(2), and to so state the Government of Belize's Declarations and Regulations, in accordance with Articles 5(2)(b) and 8(7)(a), and Rules 7(2) and 20bis(6)(b) under the Protocol;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution, as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008), provides that the Senate shall authorize the accession to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Honourable Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Protocol, along with its stated Declarations and Regulations, a full text of each hereto annexed.