

**Resolution Authorizing Accession to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL Convention) Motion, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, the Convention Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") was adopted in London, England on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1965, and entered into force on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1967, by the Conference of International Maritime Organization;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to facilitate trade, prevent unnecessary delays in maritime traffic, to aid co-operation between Governments, and to secure the highest practicable degree of uniformity in formalities and other procedures; in particular, the Agreement reduces the number of declarations which can be required by public authorities enhancing maritime trade facilitation and digitalization of ports;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous to accede to the Agreement pursuant to Article X (2) (c) of the FAL Convention;

**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 of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Resolution Authorizing Accession to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL Convention), a full text of which is hereto annexed.