

**Appointment of Auditor General Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, section 109(1) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Auditor-General 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**, the post of Auditor-General has been vacant since 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government having recognized that the post of the Auditor-General plays a critical role in safeguarding public trust by overseeing the use of taxpayer's monies and preventing misuse of resources, promotes transparency and embodies principles of good governance;

**AND WHEREAS, MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Wales and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Belize;

**AND WHEREAS, MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** has considerable experience in the office of the Auditor General and has held senior posts such as Supervisor of Audit and Deputy Auditor General;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House recommends that **MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** be appointed as Auditor-General effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2047, when she attains the age of 65 years.