

**Resolution Authorizing the Accession by Belize to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons Motion, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons which entered into force on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”);

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the recognition and the full enjoyment and exercise, on an equal basis, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of older persons, in order to contribute to their full inclusion, integration, and participation in society;

**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 38 regarding “Reservations”, Belize considers it necessary to make a reservation in relation to Article 26 paragraph 2 (a) of this Convention, which reads as follows:

*“The Government of Belize is not yet in a position to make the required and necessary adjustments to the measures to be taken in accordance with Article 26 paragraph 2 (a) and therefore facilitation with respect to buildings, transport and road networks are not yet at the desired level of the Convention.”;*

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of acceding to the Convention pursuant to Article 37;

**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 ratification to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accede to the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons, a copy of which is hereto annexed.