Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 12/2012-2013

Objection of Election Observers

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands have had representative government since 1831;

AND WHEREAS our Electoral System has evolved to an excellent system with no electoral fraud and no major flaws or mishaps;

AND WHEREAS our Election Officials have always operated at the highest levels of integrity, honesty and knowledge of the system;

AND WHEREAS our Election Officials have assisted in the positive development of Electoral System of other territories;

AND WHEREAS the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister said that they would like to have Election Observers in the Cayman Islands for the May 2013 General Elections;

AND WHEREAS this request would give a negative impression of these Islands that our Electoral System, its administration and democratic participants are unsatisfactory for democratic changes;

AND WHEREAS the previous Government of Bermuda rejected a similar request in 2012;

AND WHEREAS Observers for Elections throughout the Commonwealth was only requested for countries with deepest electoral problems none of which existed or exist in the Cayman Islands;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House rejects the F.C.O's request and forwards to the Governor and the Cabinet our strong objection and rejection of Election Observers.

Moved by: _____

Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA
First Elected Member for West Bay

Seconded by: _____

Mr Mike Adam, MBE, JP, MLA
Second Elected Member for George Town

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk this 25th day of February, 2013.

Passed/Rejected by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this day of March, 2013

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly