Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2 /2023-2024

REGULATION OF GRAVE SITES

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Cayman Islands acknowledges the distinct history, culture and Christian heritage of the Islands and how that heritage has enduring influence and contribution in shaping the spiritual, moral and social values of the Islands;

AND WHEREAS that heritage requires us to give due respect to the burial sites in our beloved Islands;

AND WHEREAS a number of disputes have arisen in relation to certain ancestral plots;

AND WHEREAS the Ombudsman has determined that there is need to:

a) Enact legislation to regulate government grave sites;
b) Develop a policy in relation to the same; and
c) Develop proper record keeping practices;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT within 9 months from the passing of this motion, the Government of the Cayman Islands considers bringing forth legislation to deal with the above findings of the Ombudsman and that the necessary legislation contain, among other things, penalties for the desecration or wrongful acquisition or otherwise dealing with grave sites.

Moved By: Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Seconded By: Mr. Christopher Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Received in the Office of the Clerk this **7th** day of September, 2023.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this day of 2023.

Clerk of the Parliament