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**MESSAGE ON INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY
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The Commission for Standards in Public Life (the “Commission”) joins the United Nations in celebrating International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 under the theme *Recover with Integrity*.

2020 has been a year of historic events both around the world and in the Cayman Islands. A number of these events have created significant opportunities for corruption and the UN has sought to promote the integration of a sound infrastructure of good governance in Member States by, first, sounding the alarm by reminding the world that “corruption thrives in times of crisis” and then by encouraging and fostering integrity and accountability in order to reduce the opportunity for corruption.

Here in the Cayman Islands, on the 1st and 2nd of March we welcomed the commencement of the Standards in Public Life Law 2014, Amendment Law 2016, and Regulations 2020. These pieces of legislation seek to assist with establishing and promoting a high standard of integrity and accountability for persons in public life through the introduction of a wide range of measures to prevent conflicts of interest.

One such measure is the collection by the Commission of declarations of interest, income, assets and liabilities from persons in public life. The Commission began receiving declarations for the year ending 30 June 2020 from persons in public life, most of whom are first time declarants, for entry into the Register of Interests which may be viewed by members of the public.

On the 10th, 18th, and 25th of June, Members of the Commission attended the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies’ Sixth Annual Conference which was hosted virtually under the theme *All In: Promoting Integrity, Combating Corruption* in an effort to continue

building relationships with other Commonwealth Caribbean Heads of Anti-Corruption Commissions in the fight against corruption.

“The Commission is pleased to hear of the anticipated extension of the United Nations Convention against Corruption to the Cayman Islands. Such an extension will reinforce the Cayman Islands’ commitment to integrity, accountability, good governance, and anti-corruption efforts. An important underpinning of the Convention is the participation of civil society and non-governmental organisations in accountability processes. We therefore again appeal to the public to contact the Commission, the Anti-Corruption Commission, or other relevant law enforcement body with information which would lead to the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of persons engaged in corruption” said Chairman Rosie Whittaker-Myles.

The Members of the Commission stand united with the Anti-Corruption Commission and the rest of the world today and each day to reduce corruption and hold public officials accountable for their actions and behaviours.

The Commission is an independent body established under section 117 of the 2009 Constitution to enhance democracy in the Cayman Islands and to ensure that there is sufficient oversight of the public sector. To obtain key information in relation to the Law the Commission invites the public to visit the Commissions website at www.standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky, email the Commissions Secretariat at info@standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky, or call 244-3685.

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