



# Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

## PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 1/2019-2020

### Freedom of Conscience

**WHEREAS** THE CAYMAN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2009, BILL OF RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES Section 10(1) states that “No person shall be hindered by government in the enjoyment of his or her freedom of conscience.”;

**AND WHEREAS** THE CAYMAN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2009, BILL OF RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES Section 10(7) states that “... If a court’s determination of any question arising under this Part might affect the exercise by a religious organisation (itself or its members collectively) of the right to freedom of conscience as protected by this section, it must have particular regard to the importance of that right.”;

**AND WHEREAS** In February 2017 two Christians were convicted of a religiously aggravated public order offence (“Hate Crime”) in the United Kingdom for street preaching and quoting from the King James Bible;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 9 of the European convention on human rights provides a right to freedom of conscience and religion which includes the freedom to teach practice and observe;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable House do affirm that expressions of Christian doctrine and scriptures by Christian organizations and individuals is a right protected by section 10 of the CAYMAN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION ORDER 2009, BILL OF RIGHT FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES;

Moved by: Mr. Anthony Eden, MLA, JP (ret)  
Elected Member for Savannah

Seconded by: Mr. Alva Suckoo, MLA  
Elected Member for Newlands

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 21st day of January, 2020.

Passed by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this 31st day of January, 2020.

  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly