



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 4 of 2025-2026 *National Public Safety for Mask Wearing*

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands has experienced a concerning surge in armed robberies involving perpetrators who utilize a "total masking culture" to conceal their entire head and facial structure; creating a climate of fear across all districts and three Islands;

AND WHEREAS during the **Finance Committee on November 18, 2025**, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Kurt Walton, confirmed that these extensive coverings weaken the national surveillance and facial recognition technology and policing strategy;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to distinguish between criminal concealment and legitimate medical or occupational necessity;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Honourable Parliament calls upon the Government to consider amendments to **all relevant legislations** to:

1. **Restrict Public Masking:** Prohibit the use of non-medical masks and total head coverings in all public spaces, neighbourhoods, and commercial establishments nationwide;
2. **Define Medical Exemptions:** Establish clear provisions for individuals with documented medical disabilities or health conditions, requiring a standard of visibility that allows for health protection without facilitating total anonymity;
3. **Preserve Occupational PPE:** Maintain exemptions for workers (gardeners, construction, etc.) strictly within the parameters of their job sites;
4. **Urgency of Action:** Treat this as a matter of **National Importance**.

Moved By: Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 15th day of December, 2025.

Passed by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 5th day of March, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament