



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 7 of 2025-2026

Constitutional Guarantee of Traditional District Representation

WHEREAS the 2019 exchange of letters between the UK Minister for Overseas Territories (Lord Ahmad) and the Cayman Islands Government established a precedent for "minor or uncontroversial" constitutional amendments via Parliamentary Resolution with bipartisan agreement;

AND WHEREAS the 2023 Electoral Boundary Commission (EBC) Report expressed significant concern that rigid population ratios could force the amalgamation of historic districts, specifically citing the threat to the integrity of East End and North Side;

AND WHEREAS Section 88 of the 2009 Constitution already provides a "representational floor" for the Sister Islands to ensure their unique voice is never lost;

AND WHEREAS it is in the national interest to provide similar security to the traditional districts of Grand Cayman to ensure that demographic shifts do not erase their historical and cultural representation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government consider addressing the Minister for Overseas Territories requesting an amendment to the Cayman Islands Constitution Order to provide that:

1. each of the traditional districts of Grand Cayman (West Bay, George Town, Bodden Town, North Side, and East End) shall always return at least one member to the Parliament; and
2. the Sister Islands shall continue to return at least two members as currently provided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition jointly signal to the Minister for Overseas Territories that this amendment is "minor and uncontroversial" to facilitate an expedited implementation before the next electoral cycle.

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

Seconded By: Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 5th day of January, 2026.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this ___day of _____, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament

Withdrawn by the Mover on 26th February, 2026