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**Constitutional Commission's Message on the 8th Anniversary of the
Cayman Islands Constitution**

This year marks the eighth anniversary of the implementation of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order, 2009 (the "Constitution"). This document is the law that transcends all others in our Islands, outlining the criteria with which all other local legislation should be aligned. The Constitution was laid before the UK Parliament on 10 June 2009 and came into force on 6 November 2009.

The 6 November is therefore a significant date and represents an occasion for all members of the public to reflect on the historic implementation of our current Constitution and to seek to learn more about the way in which the Constitution operates. The current Constitution is notable for the number of 'firsts' that it enabled, which include the enactment of our Bill of Rights and the establishment of the office of Premier. These developments impact both our structure of governance and the way in which the various organs of government interact with the people and thus merit close attention, consideration and evaluation.

The Constitutional Commission also owes its genesis to the 2009 Constitution. Established as one of the Institutions Supporting Democracy in Part VIII of the Constitution, the Constitutional Commission is charged with promoting understanding and awareness of the Constitution. For educational materials relating to the Constitution, the Constitutional Commission encourages all interested parties to consult its website at www.constitutionalcommission.ky. If any further assistance is required, please email the Constitutional Commission at info@constitutionalcommission.ky or call on 244-3685.

The Constitutional Commission would also like to take the opportunity provided by the eighth anniversary of the Constitution to invite suggestions and recommendations as to how it can further fulfill its educational mandate. If there is an aspect of the Constitution that you cannot find sufficient information on, please do let the Constitutional Commission know so that it can factor any need into its educational planning.

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