**WHEREAS** the Government of Barbados acknowledges that throughout its history successive Governments have committed themselves to improving the solid waste management practices on the island;

**AND WHEREAS** Barbados affirms its continuing commitment to undertake a number of initiatives to improve solid waste management and work responsively and ambitiously to successfully plan for solid waste diversion, treatment and disposal;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Barbados undertook a Waste Characterisation Study over three rounds (April 2015, July 2015 and February 2016) as part of the policy development component of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Programme to provide relevant and reliable data on the status of the dynamic solid waste that is constantly being influenced by prevailing economic, social and environmental factors;

**AND WHEREAS** the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016 focused on an analysis of all the three rounds, any observations and challenges associated with the exercises and recommendations for going forward with the Integrated Solid Waste Management Programme;

**AND WHEREAS** the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016 was aimed at determining the composition and quantities of the solid waste generated in Barbados including residential, industrial, commercial and institutional waste and any changes which might have occurred in the respective periods;

**AND WHEREAS** the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016 undertaken by the Project Management Coordinating Unit and the services of Simmons and Associates was formally completed in February, 2016;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Parliament of Barbados:

- 1. Accepts the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016 as a national information document;
- 2. Agrees that the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016 be made available to the public of Barbados through the

National Library Service and the online platform of the Government Information Service;

- 3. Lauds the efforts of the various stakeholders engaged in the production of the Waste Characterisation Study for Barbados 2015-2016;
- 4. Reminds Barbadians of the importance of continuing to be good stewards of the country's natural environment; and
- 5. Reaffirms its commitment to ensure Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development and make informed decisions regarding solid waste management practices.

**APPROVED** by the House of Assembly this ...... day of October 2017

## Speaker

**APPROVED** by the Senate this ...... day of October 2017.

## President