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## Dear Madam

I have the honour to inform you of the following measures passed at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Sitting of the Honourable the House of Assembly on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020:

1. A Private Members' Resolution that the House of Assembly acting on behalf of and in the name of the people of Barbados:-

(a) reconfirms the commitment of the nation of Barbados to champion and advocate for the cause of freedom and respect for human rights, inclusive of the eradication of all forms of anti-Black racism;

(b) extends sincere and profound condolences to the immediate family of the late George Floyd, to his extended African American family, and to all American citizens, irrespective of race, who were deeply hurt by the tragedy;

(c) expresses support for the principle that "Black Lives Matter", and endorses the notion that it will not be possible to unequivocally assert that "all lives matter" unless and until all black lives are in theory and in practice treated with the respect and regard that is their due; and

(d) confirms that Barbados would be more than willing to contribute human and other resources and to participate in any regional, hemispheric or international initiative that is aimed at providing assistance to nations that are currently struggling with their national efforts to eradicate racism in general, and anti-Black racism in particular.

2. Resolution to extend the public health emergency.

Yours faithfully,

*MISS J'ANNE C. GREENIDGE for* CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

cc. Senator the Hon. Dr. Jerome X. Walcott, J.P. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Leader of the Senate