

## RESOLUTION NO

## PARLIAMENT

**WHEREAS** the Government has signaled its intention to promote healthy and active ageing for the elderly and to ensure that they live with dignity in their remaining years having made a significant contribution to the development of the country;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Barbados is cognizant that Barbados is now an aged society;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Barbados recognizes that by 2050 one in every five persons will be over the age of 65;

**AND WHEREAS** it is recognized that there is abuse of the elderly in various ways including financial abuse;

**AND WHEREAS** the policy recognizes the significant role that the elderly can continue to play in national development if they are given more opportunities to contribute in various ways according to their abilities as the Government seeks to expand the silver economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has engaged in extensive consultations with stakeholders within the social policy space on the National Policy on Ageing;

**AND WHEREAS** the Cabinet has approved the National Policy on Ageing;

**AND WHEREAS** the Policy has been laid in Parliament to foster parliamentary debate on this document;

**AND WHEREAS** the policy recognizes eight thematic areas which are fundamental to promoting healthy and active ageing and protecting the rights of the elderly and preventing their abuse, namely:

- i) Financial and economic security;
- ii) Social security;
- iii) Health and health systems;
- iv) Physical and built environment;
- v) Social environment;
- vi) Legislation;
- vii) Long term care; and
- viii) Pandemics, disasters and emergency situations.

