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OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT FROM HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE BRYAN SYKES, OJ, CD, ON THE PASSING OF HER HONOUR RUTH LAWRENCE

It is with deep and profound sorrow that I, on behalf of the judiciary and myself personally, extend heartfelt condolences on the passing of Her Honour Ruth Lawrence. Ruth dedicated her life to the service of justice, exemplifying unwavering commitment, compassion, and professionalism throughout her career.

Beginning her journey with the courts in Westmoreland on September 8, 1997, Ruth's dedication and integrity quickly became evident. Her appointment as a Resident Magistrate in 2009 marked a new chapter in her journey, during which she served with distinction across various parishes including Westmoreland, Trelawny, Kingston and St. Andrew, St James, and St Ann. Ruth also played vital roles as Chairperson of the Children's Court in the Northern Circuit as it then was and as a key member of the Western Regional Family Court.

Her service extended beyond her courtroom work to enriching the lives of countless persons—children, families, and communities—through her leadership and compassion. Ruth’s her passing is a profound loss to our system and to all who knew her.

To her family, colleagues, and friends, I extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. Ruth’s legacy of dedication and service will continue to inspire us all. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE BRYAN SYKES, OJ, CD

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