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## STATEMENT

### **Senator A.L. Vincent Ingham to Contest Pembroke West for Team PLP**

Good morning

A year ago I was planning my retirement strategy. I was looking forward to travel and studying history but I now find myself a member of the Government's team navigating unprecedented and historic challenges.

I have a long standing relationship with Premier Cox's family having served under her father for many years at BELCO. I was therefore both pleased and honored when the Premier first enquired whether or not I would be interested in serving in the Senate. I asked for and was granted some time, albeit brief, to consider this new role. I have always enjoyed serving our community so this was for me the ultimate responsibility that someone could be asked to fulfill – it was a no brainer so I agreed.

The timing was perfect and to have an opportunity to serve the Progressive Labour Party and to support the Premier and Cabinet was one too good to refuse. There is a sentence in the throne speech that says it all for me

“In this session of Parliament the Government will introduce a cohesive strategy that will address the challenges and find the solutions that will restore harmony and prosperity to Bermuda's people.”

This is a promise of action that appeals to both my background and nature. I am excited to be a part of a team that will restore harmony and prosperity to Bermuda's People and I am committed to finding innovative answers and solutions to make it happen.

Let me say that I have a lot to learn and I will be a keen student. The world of Government and Business unfortunately are not the same but I think we all now realize that the success of our island hinges on how well the relationships between the two can be advanced to better serve the interest of all people in Bermuda. I clearly have a business view and I now look forward to integrating this view with those of my government colleagues. I am confident we will find solid solutions.

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I look forward to meeting with as many of my constituents in constituency #19 where I have many fond childhood memories; swimming out at Spanish point, kite flying on Cox's Hill, diving off the rocks and tennis at Admiralty Park and last but not least my seagull driven punt fishing and island exploration from Mills Creek. I know times have changed but I believe there still remains a strong sense of community and I hope all will receive me to hear my ideas but more importantly so that I can hear the voices of the community.

I read recently that "Quantum Physics has discovered the phenomenon of what it calls the "Observer Effect". The Observer Effect supports the theory that we do indeed create our own reality. The theory of the observer effect states there is no reality unless or until an observer observes it." The time is now for each of us "to observe and in doing so to change our reality".

Internationally renowned author and motivational speaker Wayne Dyer apparently likes to say that "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change"

The time has come to look at things differently. The throne speech declares this message simply in this way "the first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are".

I believe the time has come for each of us to take the step to change the way we look at things and I look forward to taking these steps together to find real and meaningful solutions to these unprecedented and historic challenges now facing Bermuda.

Thank you