



EMBASSY OF BELIZE

May 10, 2019

My Fellow Belizeans,

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019 the people of Belize decided to take a stand for what is rightly our own and refer Guatemala's unfounded and anachronistic claim to the International Court of Justice. Let me first express my admiration of the Belizean people. Our electorate has been subjected to a torrent of conflicting information, through it all, Belizeans held firmly to their love of country as a compass. Let me be exceedingly clear, however Belizeans voted, yes or no, all were patriots.

In under 30 days, the will of the people shall be made flesh and Belize will, as process demands, formally advise the ICJ of the results of the referendum and Belize's ability to submit to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in the Hague. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be organized to keep the Belizean people apprised on the progress of the case and any milestones of interest to the public.

Let me end by expressing my gratitude to the electorate and to all Belizeans home or abroad who participated in deed at the polls or in the discussions leading to May 8th. It is time to put our differences aside and proceed as one people. On Wednesday the people of Belize were giants, may history so tell their tale,

Long Live Belize.

Sincerely,

H.E. F. Daniel Gutierrez
Ambassador to the United States of America &
Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States