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**Remarks to CARPHA from Hon. Porsha Stubbs-Smith, Minister of Health and Human Services, Turks and Caicos Islands**

*It is indeed a privilege for me to express these congratulatory remarks on this your second anniversary and on the dedication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, as Caribbean Public Health Day.*

*The Ministry of Health and Human Services of the Turks and Caicos Islands joins other Ministries of Health throughout the region in congratulating you on your second year of service to the Caribbean region and would like to thank you for your support and assistance to the Turks and Caicos Islands in the monitoring of health and disease spread. It is through our partnership with you that the Turks and Caicos Islands has been assured to be adequately prepared to manage any disease outbreak that may occur.*

*The Ministry of Health and Human Services applauds your leadership in the region in the prevention and management communicable diseases as well as chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and supports the Caribbean Public Health Day message conveyed by Dr. C. James Hospedales, Executive Director of CARPHA, that aptly stressed the need for countries throughout the Caribbean Region to strengthen their efforts to prevent and manage NCDs and reduce the burden of obesity.*

*As CARPHA celebrates its second anniversary and declares the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014 Caribbean Public Health Day, the Ministry of Health and Human Services looks forward to our continuous relationship in the years to come.*