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STATEMENT BY HON CASSANNI LAVILLE ON RECENT ACCIDENTS AND ROAD FATALITIES

Fellow citizens of Dominica,

In the past several days, our nation has witnessed a number of serious road traffic accidents, some of which have tragically resulted in the loss of life. As Minister for Health, Wellness and Social Services, I wish first to extend my deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have died, and to all who are grieving or recovering from injuries at this time. Losing a loved one suddenly, especially in such circumstances, is a pain no family should have to endure, and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

These incidents are a sobering reminder that road safety is not only a matter of law enforcement—it is a matter of life and death. Every decision we make behind the wheel, every moment of impatience, every instance of speeding or impaired driving, can have irreversible consequences for families, for communities, and for our country.

As we approach the Carnival season, a time traditionally marked by celebration, reunion, and joy, I appeal to every driver, every motorcyclist, every pedestrian, and every passenger: let us act responsibly. Let us look out for one another. Let us remember that no fete, no errand, and no moment of haste is worth a human life.

I also want to recognize the tireless work of our first responders—our ambulance personnel, fire fighters, police officers, and health care workers—who answer the



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call at all hours, often in very difficult and distressing circumstances. Their work is critical in saving lives, but prevention remains our strongest and most powerful tool.

I therefore urge all citizens to observe basic but essential safety practices: avoid speeding, never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, wear seatbelts, ensure children are properly secured, and remain alert and courteous on our roads. Pedestrians please use designated crossings where possible and remain vigilant, especially at night.

Let us commit, together, to making this Carnival season a safe one. Let us celebrate responsibly, care for one another, and return home safely to our families each night.

May God comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are recovering, and guide us all to act with wisdom and care.

Thank you, and may God bless the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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