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Minutes of Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting held on 17/02/2025 at 1:45 p. m. in Bar Room.

An extra Ordinary General Body Meeting was called on 17/02/2025 at 1:45 p. m. by Shri Brijesh Trivedi (President GHAA) through a circular notice was circulated on What'sApp to discuss and pass appropriate resolution concerning recent incident, reported in Bar and Bench, Live Law, Gujrat Samachar and other media reports, some of which were also been highlighted by Shri Asim Pandya, Senior Advocate in his letter dated 15/02/2025 addressed to President GHAA.

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While the Meeting was being chaired by President GHAA, objections were raised by some members present against the President to chair such meeting in view of recent controversy and therefore, the Vice-President, GHAA was requested to chair such meeting by the President. The members of the Bar were invited to present their views upon the issue and accordingly, Shri Asim Pandya suggested that appropriate representation be made to Hon'ble the Chief Justice to recall such decision and displeasure of Bar be shown. Thereafter Shri Punit Juneja requested to pass appropriate resolution to protect independence of judiciary. Shri Yatin Oza,

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learned Senior Counsel, initially opined that such issue cannot be discussed in General Body, however, at a later stage, he withdrew such stand and left it to the wisdom of the General Body to decide the issue. Thereafter Shri Bharghav Bhatt, Shri Dipen Dave and Shri Percy Kavina, learned Senior Counsel and other advocates present put up their views on the issue in question. Finally, Shri Brijesh Trivedi (President GHCAA) proposed a resolution, wherein majority of the members of the Bar, present in the meeting, insisted to insert the words "... including seeking transfer of the Hon'ble Chief Justice". Since few members of the Bar had objected to such insertion, the proposal was put to vote and according majority of members voted in favor of such addition. Therefore, following resolution was passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION

- 1. The House unanimously resolves that the faith of people need to be restored by reversing the recent development, to save the face of judiciary; thereby restoring the sanctity and independence of the judiciary.
- 2. The House expresses grave concern over the impact of such actions on the reputation of the



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Gujarat High Court and the consequent erosion of public faith in the judicial system.

- 3. The House unanimously decides that a representation be made to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and other Collegium Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, of recent incident, which has had the effect of lowering the image of the administration of justice.
- 4. The House further resolves to take appropriate steps, including seeking transfer of the Hon'ble Chief Justice within the framework of law, to ensure that the faith of litigants and the public in the judiciary is restored and that such practices do not recur in the future.
- 5. It is also resolved to send copy of present resolution to Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.



Secretary,

GHAA

Copy forwarded to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, for information and necessary steps.