## TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA FIRST SESSION (2012 - 2014) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 78**

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana prescribes, at Article 141, that "No person shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment;"

AND WHEREAS it has been widely reported that persons were tortured by members of the Guyana Police Force between the years 2006 and 2013, inclusive;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, "The President may issue a commission appointing one or more commissioners and authorising such commissioner or commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare;"

## RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly expresses its sympathy with the victims of torture; and

## FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, to appoint

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a commission of inquiry to inquire into the torture of persons by members of the Guyana Police Force and to make recommendations to prevent a recurrence of such torture.

Passed by the National Assembly on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.

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S.E. ISAACS Clerk of the National Assembly