

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYNA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2007)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 34**

**WHEREAS the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007 marked the bicentenary of the abolition of the Slave Trade Act between Africa and the British Empire;**

**WHEREAS this National Assembly acknowledges the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the 173<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British colonies;**

**AND WHEREAS scholars estimate that between 50 and 100 million Africans were either killed or abducted during the existence of European slavery and the slave trade;**

**AND WHEREAS our ancestors who were brought here as slaves rebelled on many occasions over the more than 200 years of subjugation and oppression and seized control of a large portion of the then Dutch colony for almost a year making the 1763 revolution the precursor of the Haitian Revolution of 1801 in the region;**

**AND WHEREAS it is universally accepted that slavery and the transatlantic slave trade were the most inhumane tragedies in the history of mankind;**

**AND WHEREAS we the descendents of slavery and indentureship unanimously condemn slavery as the most abominable crime against humanity as no other in the annals of history which was of global proportions perpetuated constantly and consistently for over 300 years on millions of people of and from Africa;**

2.

**AND WHEREAS our forefathers as Freedmen and women of August 1<sup>st</sup> dedicated themselves to building a better society based on the principles of democracy, equality and freedom;**

**AND WHEREAS this National Assembly recognizes that these ancestors laid the foundation for the transformation of this land and together with other peoples built the social, economic, political and cultural infrastructure of modern Guyana;**

**RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly unequivocally acknowledges the immense debt that all Guyanese owe to our African ancestors and recognizes the outstanding contribution they have made to the development of Guyana;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly joins the Caribbean Community call on February 14, 2007 at its 18<sup>th</sup> Inter-Sessional meeting in St. Vincent for both an apology and reparations from ex-European powers for profiting from the abominable crime of African slavery;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly calls on the University of Guyana and all research institutions to support the call of the CARICOM Heads of Government to Universities in the Region to conduct research to support the demands for both an apology and compensation;**

3.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly unanimously agrees that the 1763 Resolution by our forefathers be given its rightful recognition both in Guyana and in this hemisphere;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That we the Members of the National Assembly commit ourselves to make vigorous efforts to educate future generations on the contributions of our forefathers and to uphold their principles of freedom and equality and to ensure that due recognition is given in all efforts to build this cultural diversity as a unifying force in developing this nation, Guyana.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007.*

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