

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2006-2010)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 118

WHEREAS, Article 212S of the Constitution provides for the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples' Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 212S(2) (a)(b)(c) of the Constitution, the Indigenous Peoples' Commission shall consist of –

- (a) not more than ten members, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly;*
- (b) three persons, at least one being a woman nominated by the Tousehaos Council and two persons including one woman nominated by Amerindian organizations determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly; and*
- (c) a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission and the Rights of the Child Commission."*

2.

AND WHEREAS, in keeping with article 212S(2)(a), the Committee on Appointments, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Indigenous Peoples' Commission unanimously agreed on the following entities to nominate one person each as members of the Indigenous Peoples' Commission:

- The Amerindian Research Unit, University of Guyana
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Ministry of Amerindian Affairs
- Private Sector Commission
- Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security
- Ministry of Health; and
- Guyana Council of Churches

AND WHEREAS, the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism, to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Indigenous Peoples' Commission with reference to *article 212 S(2) (a)* herein at the First Schedule;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee invited the National Tousehaos Council and the four(4) Amerindian organizations namely, the Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP), the Amerindian Peoples' Association (APA), the Amerindian Action Movement (TAAMOG), and the National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF) to submit their nominees.

AND WHEREAS, the Tousehaos Council on December 10, 2009, submitted their three (3) nominees to the IPC namely: **Tousehao Yvonne Pearson; Tousehao Doreen Jacobis and Tousehao Marco J. De Souza.**

3.

AND WHEREAS, the four Amerindian organizations submitted five (5) nominees and the Committee on Appointments, on 4th December, 2007, through a process of selection, recommends the following two (2) names: **Mr. David James and Ms. Matilda Saigo.**

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly approves the list of entities proposed in the second "*And Whereas*" clause, to be consulted to nominate members of the Indigenous Peoples' Commission in keeping with article 212 S(2) (a);

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly approves the names of the nominees from the National Tushos Council and Amerindian organizations namely:

Toushao Yvonne Pearson;

Toushao Doreen Jacobis;

Toushao Marco J. De Souza;

Mr. David James; and

Ms. Matilda Saigo

to be appointed Members on the Indigenous Peoples' Commission.

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the First Schedule attached.

Passed by the National Assembly on 18th March, 2010.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

**CLERK OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

FIRST SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for Members of the Indigenous People's Commission

Each entity, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting it to meet and select their nominee and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Indigenous People's Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on the advice of the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be person/s who are competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity.

Where there is a recognized "*umbrella organization*" in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the "*constituent entities*" within the Group.