

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2011)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 151**

WHEREAS Commonwealth Day will be celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 with the theme “Women as Agents of Change”;

AND WHEREAS the Guyana Parliament and the Executive of the Guyana Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will be duly recognizing this day and holding an activity on the important theme for 2011;

AND WHEREAS we recognize that the London Declaration of 1949 was the start of a new era in which the founding member countries of the Commonwealth committed themselves to working together in partnership and as equals towards a shared future;

AND WHEREAS over these years the Commonwealth has developed into a vibrant association of fifty four (54) independent states representing nearly 2 billion people, a third of the world’s population of which approximately 1 billion are women and girls;

AND WHEREAS whilst there are many challenges remaining such as poverty, civil war, crime, gender equality and domestic violence, the Commonwealth can pride itself on comprising a family of some of the largest democratic independent nations and newly emerging democratic developing nations taking progressive positions on the new challenges of climate change and environmental degradation, the global financial and economic crisis, unequal trade relations and global food security, to name a few;

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AND WHEREAS various organizations have emerged that promote the objectives and principles of the Commonwealth amongst its members such as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, the Commonwealth of Learning and the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

AND WHEREAS Guyana is a proud member of the Commonwealth which has benefited from the support of this body in the struggle for the restoration and strengthening of democracy with the presence of international observer missions as well as support of profound parliamentary reforms (2005) and other on – going support to the Parliament of Guyana through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;

AND WHEREAS Guyana has not only been a recipient but it has played an important role in promoting democracy and women's rights as well and contributed with progressive positions on poverty reduction and to the international debate on equitable trade relations and climate change.

RESOLVED,


That this National Assembly, recognizes during the Observance of Commonwealth Day 2011, the Commonwealth's significant contribution to Guyana and other member countries in the promotion of peace, representative democracy and individual liberty and sustainable human development; and

3.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly reiterates its recognition and support for the efforts of the Commonwealth to address emerging and old challenges and its endeavours to promote a world of freedom, equality, development and prosperity for all peoples, especially the young and women.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.*

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