

TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2012 - 2013)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 57

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, in its Preamble, declares that, “We the Guyanese People...proclaim our commitment to “Safeguard and build on the rich heritage, won through tireless struggle, bequeathed us by our forebears, etc. ;”

AND WHEREAS the said Constitution, at Article 35, states further, “The state honours and respects the diverse cultural strains which enrich the society and will seek constantly to promote national appreciation of them at all levels, etc. ;”

AND WHEREAS emancipated Africans purchased Plantation Northbrook, and established, thereon, on 7th November 1839, a free community which was named Victoria Village and this act was followed by a series of other purchases and the establishment of communities which came to be known as the village movement;

AND WHEREAS the 153rd sitting of the National Assembly of the first sitting of the Ninth Parliament of Guyana on 19th May, 2011 considered and carried a petition on behalf of the descendants, residents and heirs of the proprietors of Plantation Northbrook (renamed Victoria) for the recognition of the historic contributions of their ancestors who established the first village in post-Emancipation Guyana;

AND WHEREAS Victoria Village will observe the 175th anniversary of its purchase on 7th November, 2014 and due recognition should be given to the seminal role of that significant historic act and of the series of subsequent purchases of plantations which, thereupon, were transformed into human settlements;

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AND WHEREAS the State, from time to time, may consider the observance of events to fulfill the various cultural and educational needs of the peoples of Guyana,

RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to issue a commemorative stamp and a commemorative coin and to issue a declaration to designate 7th November as a 'National Day of Villages' in order to honour and respect the pioneering purchasers and to promote national appreciation of the village movement at all levels.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 7th November, 2013.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly