

TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION (2012 - 2013)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS Georgetown is the capital city of Guyana, commonly known as ‘Garden City of the Caribbean’;

AND WHEREAS the expanded boundaries of the city of Georgetown have underlined the need for better drainage system. In addition the heavy siltation of canals, the dumping of refuse and various other kinds of items which block drains, the lack of maintenance of the outfall channels have all led to poor drainage of the city;

AND WHEREAS refuse collection and disposal have reached a critical point where large amounts of garbage are being dumped on street corners, open spaces and canals, creating public nuisance and health hazards for citizens and visitors;

AND WHEREAS many construction sites continue to block drains and dispose of waste on city parapets and in many instances create stagnant pools of water that encourage the breeding of mosquitoes;

AND WHEREAS the national environmental enhancement initiative of the government, the Pick It Up Guyana Campaign, spearheaded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment in collaboration with the Ministries of Local Government and Regional Development, Health, and Public Works, the private sector, religious community, NGOs, among others to promote greater environmental management through enforcement against littering; public awareness; engagement of stakeholders; and mechanisms to reduce, reuse and recycled waste;

AND WHEREAS Government has extended this support, by way of a multi-sectoral stakeholders' approach to garbage collection and disposal and desilting of drains as well as over the years, centrally providing human and material support to free the streets, the alleyways, the blocked canals and trenches of garbage and heavy vegetation;

AND WHEREAS the Georgetown City Council is unable to carry out its mandate as prescribed in the Municipal and District Councils Act of 1969 and the Local Democratic Organs Act of 1980,

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana commits its support towards the restoration of our Capital City, Georgetown; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Government expands its multi stakeholders Committee to include Members of Parliament, Officials of the Georgetown City Council, and relevant Government Ministries to develop an action plan, allocate resources and to monitor the progress of the restoration of Georgetown and the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment will on behalf of the Committee report to the National Assembly within four (4) months.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 14th March, 2013.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly