

TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION (2012)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS the extant Integrity Commission Act was passed in this House in 1997 and made into law on September 24, 1997 as the Integrity Commission Act 1997, Chapter 19:12, Act No. 20 of 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Integrity Commission has not been established in conformity with the requirements as provided for in Section 3 of the Integrity Act;

AND WHEREAS corruption has reached an alarming proportion in Guyana with little or no effort to stem the tide;

AND WHEREAS Section 19 of the Integrity Act empowers the Commission to publish the names of persons who are not in compliance with this Act in the Gazette and in a daily newspaper and the President to publish the names of Members of the Commission who are not in compliance with this Act in the Gazette and in a daily newspaper;

AND WHEREAS Section 22 addressed the offences and penalties for failure to comply which include fines and imprisonment;

AND WHEREAS all persons occupying offices specified in Schedule I including Ministers of the Government and Members of Parliament are expected to uphold the Code of Conduct outlined in the Act and in Schedule II,

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RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly calls on His Excellency the President to establish the Integrity Commission as provided for in Section 3 of the Integrity Commission Act 1997;

ALSO RESOLVED,

That this House recognizes the lawful and legal obligation of Members of Parliament to submit annual declarations to a duly constituted Integrity Commission and call on all Members of this National Assembly to submit their declarations in accordance with the law;

ALSO RESOLVED,

That this House declares that failure or refusal of Members of Parliament to submit declarations to a duly constituted Integrity Commission is a violation of the law and a gross indictment of those Members of Parliament and by extension on the integrity of Parliament.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 14th June, 2012.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly