

**DRAFT MOTION
NATIONAL HERITAGE**

The Parliament of St. Maarten, in its meeting of today, April 17, 2013

CONSIDERING:

1. That Article 21 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten states that: *“The government shall set out conditions for social and cultural development and recreational activities, as well as for the preservation of the cultural heritage”*;
2. That it is desirable to protect and maintain St. Maarten’s National Heritage;
3. That St. Maarten’s National Heritage represents our identity as a St. Maarten people;
4. That it is important to build awareness of and pride in St. Maarten’s National Heritage;
5. That respect, preservation and promotion of National Heritage must be the foundation upon which Country St. Maarten is built;
6. That St. Maarten’s National Heritage forms a part of the foundation on which our tourism based economy is built;
7. That Parliament is in favor of the preservation of our National Heritage through the education of St. Maarten’s residents and visitors.

RESOLVES:

1. To charge the Minister of Culture and Education with:
 - a. Commissioning an expert workgroup to compile and develop a standardized National Heritage Education Program for St. Maarten’s primary, secondary, tertiary schools and stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industry;
 - b. Including National Heritage Education in the mandatory school curricula;
 - c. Appointing a qualified and experienced National Heritage Educator to launch a “teach the teacher program” with the goal of informing educators on the ways to provide National Heritage Education.

2. To charge the Council of Ministers with:
 - a. Strengthening Monument protection and national heritage conservation legislation, including improved supervision, enforcement and penalization;
 - b. Investigating the possibilities of encouraging sustainable use and protection of National Monuments through tax incentives and (international) subsidies;

3. To charge the Council of Ministers with:
Presenting a comprehensive and detailed report to the Parliament of St. Maarten, on the measures taken to adhere to and implement the above listed, within one hundred and fifty (150) days of the passing of this motion.

And goes over to the order of the day.

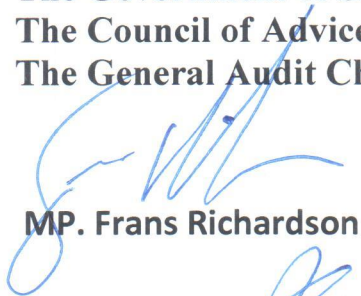
Copies of this motion to be sent to:

The Governor of Sint Maarten


The Government of Sint Maarten

The Council of Advice of Sint Maarten

The General Audit Chamber of Sint Maarten



MP. Frans Richardson





STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 Public Meeting no. 5

Voting list

National Heritage

Motion no. 8 date: April 2013

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	drs. R.E. Samuel		
2.	G.C. Pantophlet		
3.	Patrick G. Illidge		
4.	H.L. Richardson		
5.	Petrus L. de Weever		
6.	F.G. Richardson		
7.	Lloyd J. Richardson		
8.	Romain J. Laville		
9.	Roy R. Marlin		
10.	Johan E. Leonard		
11.	Silvia V. Meyers-Olivacce		
12.	Jules C. James		
13.	Louie E. Laveist		
14.	Gracita R. Arrindell		
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