

**MOTION**

The Parliament of Sint Maarten

In its meeting held on 27 April 2020

Considering:

That on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the global outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 22, the borders of St. Maarten were closed. However, this outbreak did not spare our country;

That since then, more than 180 countries worldwide have been impacted by this disease and the majority have closed their borders, not allowing the admission or departure of persons through their ports;

That the air and ship travel has come to a screeching halt, of which, as a result there are no more visitors coming to the island;

That this means for the country Sint Maarten, as a tourist destination, it has lost a significant part of its revenue at once;

That this has resulted in the Sint Maarten economy on the verge of collapsing and that consequently, there is little economic activity to withstand the needs of the people.

That for a substantial part of the population the income has dropped considerably and that another part of the population has become unemployed due to the loss of jobs.

That these persons currently have to rely on government relief, while the revenue of Government has declined drastically, on an account of less tax income;

That all sectors of the society called for a reduction of the government expenditure in order to be able to cope with this situation.

That for social considerations and as an act of solidarity the members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten should also contribute to lowering government expenses by reducing their salaries.

## RESOLVES

- To request the Government of Sint Maarten, in anticipation of the establishment of a national ordinance on this matter, to adopt a national decree containing general measures to reduce the salaries of the members of the Parliament and members of the Council of Ministers of Sint Maarten by 15%.
- To request the Government of Sint Maarten to adopt and publicize, the national decree containing general measures referred to as soon as possible;
- To request the Government of Sint Maarten to submit the relevant draft national ordinance to Parliament within three months after adopting the national decree containing general measures referred to in which national ordinance, the relevant national decree will be formalized retroactively.

And goes over to the order of the day

Copy of this motion to be forwarded to:

- The Governor of Sint Maarten
- The Government of Sint Maarten
- The Government Aruba
- The Parliament of Aruba
- The Government of Curacao
- The Parliament of Curacao
- The Government of the Netherlands
- The Parliament of the Netherlands

Melissa Gumbs





PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Public Meeting no. 23

Voting List

*motion*

*no: 2*

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	W.V. Marlin		X
2.	Akeem E. Arrundell		X
3.	Sidharth M. Bylari		X
4.	Rolando Brison		X
5.	Claudius A. Buncamper		X
6.	Solange L. Duncan		X
7.	Christophe T. Emmanuel		X
8.	Melissa D. Gumbs	X	
9.	Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten		X
10.	Omar E.C. Ottley		X
11.	George C. Pantophlet		X
12.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	X	
13.	Hyacinth L. Richardson		X
14.	Angelique J.G. Romou	—	
15.	Sarah A. Wescot-	X	

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