GOBERNACIÓN
Departamento Archipiélago de San Andrés,
Providencia y Santa Catalina
Reserva de Biosfera Seaflower
NIT: 892400038-2

DECREE No. 500
(July18, 2023)

By which a Civic Day is declared"

*The **GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIPELAGO OF SAN ANDRES, PROVIDENCE, AND SANTA CATALINA**, in use of his legal and regulatory powers, especially those established in Decree-Law 1222 of 1986, Ordinance 012 of 2003, and*

CONSIDERING

That according to Article 94.1 of Decree-Law 1222 of 1986, it is the responsibility of the Governor "(...) **to comply and ensure compliance in the Department** with the Decrees and orders of the government and **the Ordinances of the assemblies** (...)".

That through Ordinance 012 of 2003, the Departmental Assembly established August 1st of each year as the **EMANCIPATION DAY OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE**; ordering to commemorate this day in remembrance of our ancestors who were freed from slavery.

That it is the will of the Departmental Administration to exalt the collective memory of an event that marked our history.

That in order to encourage everyone's participation in the cultural events that will take place, it is necessary to declare a Civic Day.

By virtue of the foregoing,

DECREE

FIRST: *Declare Tuesday, August first (1st) of 2023 Civic Day, to commemorate **"EMANCIPATION DAY OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE."***

SECOND: *Invite Raizals, Residents and Tourists to actively participate in the cultural programs and to celebrate this memorable event with great regional feeling.*

THIRD: *There will be no work activities at public agencies and entities of the Departmental order, so that public servants can attend the scheduled events and activities.*

FOURTH: *Entities that, due to their nature and mission, have as objective to provide services that demand immediate attention to the inhabitants of the Islands are excepted.*

***FIFTH**: This Decree is in force as of the date of its issuance.*

TO BE PUBLISHED, COMMUNICATED, AND ENFORCED

Given in San Andres Island, on July 18, 2023.

EVERTH J. HAWKINS SJOGREEN
Governor

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