

Motion

No. 1.

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, May 8 2018

CONSIDERING

- that in the wake of the worst hurricane ever to hit the Caribbean, Sint Maarten is economically and socially devastated;
- that this devastation continues to have a direct and serious impact on the finances of people, businesses and government;
- that many people have lost their homes, their roofs, their jobs and as a result of the latter their income and livelihood and are therefore unable to adequately support and provide for their families;
- that as direct representatives of the people of Sint Maarten, Members of Parliament are also very concerned about those persons and families who are still homeless, roofless, jobless and without an income;
- that in an attempt to mitigate the suffering of the people and in an effort to balance the country's budget, the government is considering several cost cutting measures;
- that in addition to ensuring that the country's finances are directed to the rebuilding of the economy and consequently to the restoring of jobs, Members of Parliament will give up 15% of their salary to demonstrate their solidarity and empathy with all the people who are suffering in our country;
- that agreeing to reduce their salaries, Members of Parliament will lead by example in demonstrating to the people and our civil service that all of us together have to tighten our belts in order to overcome the economic and financial difficulties that Sint Maarten is facing post hurricane Irma;

RESOLVES

- a. to reduce the gross salaries of Members of Parliament by 15%;
- b. to instruct the Minister of General Affairs to amend the necessary legislation to accommodate the aforementioned reduction of 15% and to submit draft legislation for such to Parliament for approval within 60 days of the date of this motion.

And goes over to the order of the day.

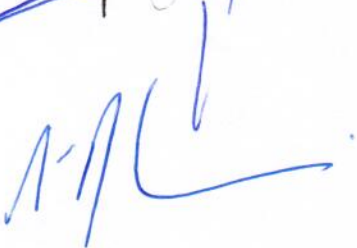
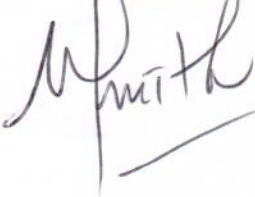
Copies of this motion to be sent to:

- the Governor of Sint Maarten
- the Council of Ministers of Sint Maarten
- the Minister of General Affairs of Sint Maarten
- the Minister of Finance of Sint Maarten
- the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom
- the Second Chamber of the Netherlands
- the Parliament of Aruba
- the Council of Ministers of Aruba
- the Parliament of Curaçao
- the Council of Ministers of Curaçao

Sint Maarten, May 8 2018

Submitted by:

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