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RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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**A RESOLUTION MADE PURSUANT TO ORDER 28 OF
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS
(CAP. 1.01).**

WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat recognises the significance of the British National Anthem ‘God save the Queen’ as the official National Anthem of Montserrat;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat, is desirous of capturing the local culture and legacy of Montserrat through song without overlooking the significance of the British National Anthem as the official National Anthem of Montserrat;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat has identified the song ‘Motherland’ by Sir Howard Fergus and Dr. George Irish as a patriotic song which represents the local culture and legacy of Montserrat;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat is further desirous of approving the song ‘Motherland’ by Sir Howard Fergus and Dr. George Irish as the Territorial Song of Montserrat;

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AND WHEREAS by virtue of Order 28 of the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders (Cap. 1.01), any member of the Legislative Assembly, upon due notice being given, may move a resolution which does not impose a tax or dispose of or charge any part of the public revenue, or revoke or vary any disposition of or charge on the public revenue;

AND WHEREAS this resolution does not impose a tax or dispose of or charge any part of the public revenue, or revoke or vary any disposition of or charge on the public revenue;

BE IT RESOLVED that the song 'Motherland' by Sir Howard Fergus and Dr. George Irish with words set out in the Schedule is the Territorial Song of Montserrat.

SCHEDULE

TERRITORIAL SONG

Motherland

by Sir Howard Fergus and Dr. George Irish

Oh Montserrat, proud Motherland
Your children raise your standard high
In toil and tears to serve you well
The emerald jewel from God's hand.

CHORUS: Oh Montserrat, by nature blest
To you your children sing
Come well or woe, come friend or foe
To you your people cling.

Rise up and make our country great
With art and skill and sacrifice
With masque and drum we celebrate
Triumphant masters of our fate

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We sing our land in harmony
May God be her eternal guard
And make Montserrat a house of hope
A haven in the Carib Sea.

No pestilence shall mar your shore
No fount of sadness overwhelm
A people striving under God
Their spirits free forevermore.

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 5th day of November, 2013.

(Sgd.) Teresina Bodkin
SPEAKER

Published by exhibition by the Cabinet Secretary at the Office of the Legislature,
Farara Plaza, this 28th day of November, 2013.

(Sgd.) Angela Greenaway
CABINET SECRETARY