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

WHEREAS the eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano is the most devastating natural disaster recorded in the history of Montserrat;

AND WHEREAS from July 1995 a series of volcanic eruptions continued to disrupt the lives of the people of Montserrat by rendering two-thirds of the island uninhabitable, causing internal and external migration and claiming the lives of twenty-four inhabitants;

AND WHEREAS despite the incomprehensible physical and psychological loss that the people of Montserrat have suffered having faced the wrath of the Soufriere Hills Volcano, they are resolved to rebuild Montserrat;

AND WHEREAS with the guidance of the Almighty God and the assistance of the British Government and other partners, the people of Montserrat continue to transform Montserrat enabling it to retain, to this day, the name, the Emerald Isle;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat, on the twentieth anniversary of the initial eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano, is desirous of recognising the resilience of the people of Montserrat and observing the memory of those we have lost and those who have suffered loss;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Montserrat is further desirous of approving a series of events, to take place throughout the year 2015, to commemorate the observance of the 20th anniversary of the eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 28 of the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders (Cap.1.01), any member of the Legislative Assembly, upon due notice being given, may, without the consent of the Governor, move a resolution which does not impose a tax or dispose of or charge any part of the

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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 period January 2015 to December 2015 is declared a year of observance of the 20th anniversary of the eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano and a series of events to commemorate the observance of this defining event in history of Montserrat, will be scheduled by a Coordinating Committee under the authority of the Premier.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 26th day of May, 2015.

(Sgd.) Shirley Osbourne

SPEAKER

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(Sgd.) Camille C. Gerald

CLERK OF CABINET (Ag.)