



GOVERNMENT  
Archipelago of San Andres, Providencia and  
Santa Catalina

NIT: 892400038-2

DECREE NUMBER 0303 

(  
28 JUL 2021  
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By which a civic day of the Archipelago of San Andres, Providencia and a Catalina is declared

THE GOVERNOR OF THE ARCHIPELAGO OF SAN ANDRES, PROVIDENCIA AND SANTA CATALINA, pursuant to the legal faculties, especially those provided by Decree-Law 1222, 1986, Ordinance 012, 2003, and

#### WHEREAS

Article 2 of the Constitution states that "(...) the essential purposes of the State are to serve the community, to promote overall prosperity and to guarantee effectiveness of principles, rights and duties plainly stated in the Constitution; to facilitate the participation of all citizens in the decisions that affect them and in the economic, political, administrative and cultural life of the Nation, to defend the national independence, to maintain the territorial integrity and to assure a peaceful living and a fear order for all (...)".

Article 305.1 of the Constitution states that the Governor has the power to "(...) comply with and enforce the Constitution, the laws, the decrees of the Government and the ordinances of the Departamental Assemblies (...)".

Article 94.1 of Decree-Law 1222 of 1986 also states that it is incumbent upon the Governor "(...) to comply with and enforce in the Department the Decrees and orders of the Government or the Ordinances of the Assemblies (...)".

*Ordinance 012, 2003, issued by the Departamental Assembly established August 01 of each year as the DAY OF THE EMANCIPATION OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE; ordering to commemorate this day in honor of our ancestors, who freed themselves from slavery.*

That this event is of great cultural and historical transcendence, being a motive of pride and joy for the Raizal community of the Archipelago of San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina.



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It is the will of the Departmental Government to comply with public policies that promote the conservation of the ancestral values of the Raizal community, exalting the collective memory of an event that sealed our history.

Due to the relevance of the event, it is necessary to declare August 21, 2021, a Civic Day.

By virtue of the foregoing, it is

**DECREE**

**FIRST:** Declare the first (01) Sunday of August 2021 as a civic holiday in order to commemorate the 'DAY OF THE EMANCIPATION OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE.

**SECOND:** Invite Raizales, residents and tourists to actively participate in the cultural programming that will be transmitted through the regional channel TELEISLAS, as well as through the official social networks of the Government of the Archipelago Department of San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina.

**THIRD:** There will be no labor activities in the public agencies and entities of the departmental sector so that their public servants may attend the events and activities.

**FOURTH:** Exceptions will be made for those entities that by their nature and mission have as their purpose the rendering of services that require urgent attention to the inhabitants of the islands.

**FIFTH:** This Decree is effective as of the date of its issuance. **28 JUL 2021**

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**

Given on San Andres, Island, on

EVERTH JULIO HAWKINS SJOGREEN  
Governor