



# Proclamation

## HONORING JANET JAGAN 2009 GUYANA FOLK FESTIVAL AWARDS

WHEREAS, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY, WHETHER THROUGH UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER ENDEAVORS, OR SIMPLY THROUGH A LIFETIME OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY TO HONOR JANET JAGAN FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND STATE UPON THE OCCASION OF THE 2009 GUYANA FOLK FESTIVAL AWARDS CELEBRATION; AND

WHEREAS, JANET JAGAN IS A FORMER PRESIDENT, AND SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVERTING CASTELLANI HOUSE INTO THE NATIONAL ARTS GALLERY. THE GALLERY PROVIDED AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO STORE THE GROWING NATIONAL COLLECTION THAT HAD BEEN BUILDING OVER SEVERAL DECADES; AND

WHEREAS, JANET JAGAN AND HER LEADERSHIP HAS LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CULTURAL OASIS. SHE IS PROUD TO ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE AMONGST VISUAL ARTIST, MUSICIANS, AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SCHOOL CHILDREN; AND

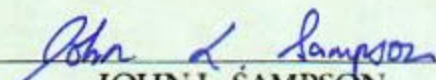
WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR JOHN L. SAMPSON, COMMEND JANET JAGAN FOR HER NUMEROUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND STATE, AND THUS URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON THIS IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL OF OUR GREAT DISTRICT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO JANET JAGAN DURING TODAY'S EVENTS.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE



JOHN L. SAMPSON

NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
19<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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*Whereas, Brooklyn is the Caribbean capital of the United States, enjoys a deep and special relationship with the nation of Guyana and its patriots, and is graced by the many outstanding Guyanese and Guyanese Americans who call our borough home, it is therefore fitting that we join in marking the important milestones in Brooklyn's Guyanese community; and*

*Whereas, President Malcolm A. Hall, Vice President Vibert Cambridge, members, and supporters of the Guyanese Cultural Association of New York, Inc., have gathered for the 2009 Guyana Folk Festival Awards Ceremony and to pay tribute to the Honorable Janet Jagan; and*

*Whereas, on behalf of all Brooklynites, I salute and commend the Honorable Janet Jagan—of blessed memory—former president of Guyana, who was responsible for converting Castellani House into the National Art Gallery, a woman whose leadership led to that cultural oasis, I congratulate her on being duly honored here today and join with her family and friends who miss her presence but share in the results of her good works, and I thank all those present for helping to make Brooklyn, Guyana, and the world better places to live, work and raise a family;*

*Now, therefore, I, Marty Markowitz, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby posthumously confer this citation on*

## *The Honorable Janet Jagan*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Brooklyn to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2009*

President of the Borough of Brooklyn



