



GOBERNACIÓN

Departamento Archipiélago de San Andrés,
Providencia y Santa Catalina
Reserva de Biosfera Seaflores
NIT: 892400038-2

DECREE No. 0285
(**27 JUL. 2026**)

"By which a Civic Day is declared in the Archipelago of San Andres, Providence, and Santa Catalina"

The **GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIPELAGO OF SAN ANDRES, PROVIDENCE, AND SANTA CATALINA** in use of his legal and regulatory authority, especially those established in Article 305 of the Constitution, Law 2200 of 2022, Ordinance 012 of 2003, and

CONSIDERING

That Article 2 of the National Constitution establishes "The essential purposes of the State are: to serve the community, promote general prosperity and guarantee the effectiveness of the principles, rights and duties established in the Constitution; facilitate the participation of all in the decisions that affect them and in the economic, political, administrative and cultural life of the Nation; defend national independence, maintain territorial integrity and ensure peaceful coexistence and the validity of a just order.

The authorities of the Republic are established to protect all people residing in Colombia, in their life, honor, property, beliefs, and other rights and freedoms, and to ensure compliance with the social duties of the State and of individuals.

The Constitutional Article 305.1 states that the Governor's attribution is "(...) Comply with and enforce the Constitution, the Laws, the Government Decrees and the Ordinances of the Departmental Assemblies (...)"

That according to Paragraph 1 of Article 119 of Law 2200 of 2022, it is the responsibility of the Governor "(...) to comply with and enforce the Decrees of the National Government and the Ordinances of the respective Assemblies (...)"

That by Ordinance 012 of 2003 the Departmental Assembly established August 1st of each year as the **EMANCIPATION DAY OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE**; ordering to commemorate this day in remembrance of our ancestors who were freed from their slavery.

That this event is of great historical and cultural significance, being a source of pride and rejoicing for the Raizal People of the Archipelago of San Andres, Providence, and Santa Catalina.

That it is the will of the Departmental Administration to comply with public policies that promote the conservation of the ancestral values of the Raizal People, exalting the collective memory of an event that sealed our history.

That given the relevance of the event and in order to encourage the participation of all citizens in the cultural events that will be held, it is necessary to declare August 1, 2026 as a Civic Day.

Based on the above,

DECREE

FIRST. Declare Civic Day on the first (1st) day of August of 2026 in order to commemorate the "**EMANCIPATION DAY OF THE RAIZAL PEOPLE.**"

SECOND. Invite Raizals, Residents and Tourists to actively participate in the cultural programming and celebrate this memorable event with great regional feeling.

THIRD. There will be no work activities in public agencies and entities of the departmental order, for their public servants to attend scheduled events and activities.

FOURTH. Exceptions are made to entities that, due to their nature and mission, have as their objective to provide services that demand urgent attention to the inhabitants of the Islands.

FIFTH. This Decree takes effect from the date of its publication.

BE IT KNOWN, PUBLISHED, AND COMPLIED WITH

Given in San Andres Island on **27 JUL. 2026**



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Governor

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