

## PETITION DRIVE TO DEMAND THAT PARLIAMENT BE DISSOLVED AND NEW ELECTIONS HELD

*We hold inherent and universal the right to assemble, associate and speak freely, to give our consent to be governed and to withdraw that consent when it is abused!*

*Feb. 3, 2011 Philipsburg, St. Maarten.*

This Petition is Directed To:  
The Governor Of St. Maarten  
The Dutch Second Chamber of the Netherlands  
The Queen of the Netherlands  
The Prime Minister of St. Maarten

We Beseech you to hear our PEACEFUL petition, intervene on our behalf, and alleviate our suffering under the present non-government. We are fed up and cannot take it anymore!

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We the people of St. Maarten withdraw our consent to be governed by the present government on the following grounds: It is evident to even the more biased observer that the present government is not capable of running the ship of state. There exists a vacuum of authority. No one represents the interest of the people. The air of impending doom hanging over the island can only be averted by releasing safely the pressure building up among the population, which we fear can lead to a social upheaval, the likes of which has never been seen on St. Maarten, or indeed the Netherlands Antilles. 2011 is the year of The People Revolution. Our leaders must take note of what is happening in Tunisia, Egypt and the wider Middle East. We the people have been watching and have learned one lesson. When you do not have our consent it is time to leave office, and make room for others more inclined to listen to our concerns. The obscene spectacle of Parliamentarians, enjoying US\$11,000 a month salaries and Ministers US\$15,000 a month salaries cannot continue. Many of us can barely afford to buy food to feed our families, and are on the brink of financial collapse, while you greedily gobble up whatever little fat there is left in the land. You provide us with no leadership, help nor guidance that can justify your outrageous pay packets and benefits. Soon we will have to observe the further insult of you driving around in US\$39,000 cars, while we suffer.

Your utter lack of concern and leadership is demonstrated in your refusal to lead by example. As the Union leader Ms. Elschot has pointed out. Take of 50% pay cut, you will still be earning more than 90% of the population, and demonstrate that your concerns about the budget are genuine. This of course you will not do, so we know that you are nothing more than a bunchy of greedy, self centered hypocrites.

We cannot and no longer have to tolerate a government in which:

1. A Minister was forced to resign by the press because of a corrupt swindle with government land.
2. Another Minister who should resign because of the God awful mess he created of the BTA process.
3. An incompetent bumbling Minister of Finance who cannot and will not set our financial house in order even after having spent the past ten years as Director of the Financial Department.
4. Government drags it feet to expel corrupt and incompetent ministers.
5. Condone a blatant conflict of interest by MP Jules James

6. Condone the massive confusion, fraud and abuse caused by an ill advised, chaotic and illegal BTA process
7. Refuses to deal honorably with our educators, without whom our nation will end up in perdition
8. Turns its back on the Pelican Workers
9. The Minister of Economic Affairs rushed to grant the corrupt syndicate at Pelican a business license in a matter of days, while many of us are waiting years for our business license.
10. The same mob that owned the Resort before the bankruptcy now owns it after the bankruptcy. How more corrupt and rotten a deal can that be?
11. The Minister of Health fails to act against unauthorized individuals performing operations at the St. Maarten Medical Center, leaving citizens crippled and in suffering for the rest of their lives.
12. An army of unemployed people suffer in silence, for whom government does absolutely nothing. Make no mistake! Beneath the façade of comfortable living on the island is hidden a mass of silent, secret suffering. Many are silently slipping under, dragged down by the weight of financial problems caused by UNEMPLOYED.

I support the petition drive to remove the present government from office and add my signature to this list.

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