



**GOBERNACIÓN**

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

DECREE NUMBER 0431-2016

( 14 OCT 2016

"Whereby a civic day and other regulations are ordered"

**THE GOVERNOR OF THE ARCHIPELAGO OF SAN ANDRES, PROVIDENCIA AND SANTA CATALINA**, exercising his legal powers, and especially those established in Decree-Law 1222, 1986, Ordinance 012, 2003, and

**WHEREAS**

Pursuant to numeral 1, article 94, Decree-Law 1222, 1986, it is the responsibility of the Governor to "(...) **comply and enforce compliance of all decrees and orders issued by the government in the Archipelago, as well as Ordinances issued by the Assembly Hall (...)**".

The National Government, in Law 35, 1939, had established the 12th of October of each year as a national holiday in order to commemorate the encounter of cultures in the Americas.

On the **12th of October** of each year the Government of San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina joins the international celebration of the **Day OF THE RACE** in celebrating the encounter of cultures and respect to cultural diversity that may have occurred in the Americas in the XV century.

The **DAY OF THE RACE** is celebrated in the Archipelago with a parade with the participation of the authorities, military forces and the police, civic groups, community groups and the private and public educational institutions in the Hill Section.

For this current 12th of October celebration, all educational institutions are having school break decreed by the National Government.

The Government of the Archipelago of San Andres, providencia and Santa Catalina, in order to promote the active participation of all inhabitants of the islands in said commemoration, orders that the **DAY OF THE RACE** be celebrated on October 21st this year.

In order to give compliance of the present order, it is necessary to declare civic day

Pursuant to the abovementioned,

**DECREED**

**FIRST.** Declare the 21st of October, 2016, civic day in order to commemorate the **RACE DAY**.

Consequently, invite all inhabitants of the islands and tourists to actively participate of the parade and cultural events programmed for this day.

**SECOND.** In respect to declaring this day civic day, all government organisms and entities are entitled NOT to work on this day so Public Servants can participate in the parade and the cultural events programmed for this day.

However, public services in all government entities and organisms must be provided to users, hence those entities that, due to the nature of their mission and those whose objective is to provide services that cannot be postponed may well guarantee such services.

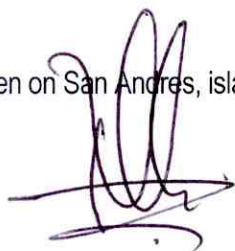
The private sector, in the case of enterprises and businesses, may make their own decision as to maintain a working schedule.

**THIRD.** The present decree is in force as of the date of issue.


**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**

Given on San Andres, island, on

14 OCT 2016



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