

## 2025-J324

Senate Resolution No. 324

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on February 11, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished organizations and initiatives that foster education, empowerment, and innovation, particularly for marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, organized by The Miss Caricom International Foundation CIP Inc., in collaboration with the UN NGO MCIF UNESCO Institute of Fashion Education, to be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is a globally recognized observance dedicated to promoting gender equality in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and celebrating the contributions of women and girls in scientific fields; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's observance, "Inspiring Innovation: Women and Girls Leading the Way in Science," highlights the importance of empowering women and young girls to lead groundbreaking advancements, ensuring their representation in scientific research, innovation, and technology-driven industries; and

WHEREAS, The Miss Caricom International Foundation CIP Inc., under the visionary leadership of Ambassador Dr. Monica Sanchez, has been a steadfast advocate for marginalized communities for over 21 years, uplifting individuals through education, skills training, and the promotion of global educational and economic empowerment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Through its UNESCO Institute of Fashion Education, the Miss Caricom International Foundation has successfully trained over 250,000 graduates worldwide, equipping them with life skills that foster self-sufficiency, economic empowerment, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, The annual celebration of this event serves as a powerful reminder of the role that women and girls play in advancing science and technology while inspiring future generations to pursue careers in STEM fields, regardless of gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the significance of this celebration and to recognize the tremendous contributions of The Miss Caricom International Foundation CIP Inc. and the UN NGO MCIF UNESCO Institute of Fashion Education to advancing education, gender equality, and innovation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on

February 11, 2025, and to honor the organizers, speakers, and participants who continue to champion the empowerment of women and girls in STEM; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Dr. Monica Sanchez, Founder of The Miss Caricom International Foundation CIP Inc.