

Motion

The Island Council of the Public Entity St. Eustatius in its public meeting of today, Thursday May 27th, 2021

Considering that,

In 1946, the airport was renamed from Golden Rock Airport to F.D. Roosevelt Airport after the 32nd president of America, Franklin Delano Roosevelt in honor of his visit to the island.

The PLP/Merkman Government in 2018, started the process to construct a new airport terminal.

In 2019, the process restarted with the construction of a new airport terminal, said terminal is nearing the completion stage and will soon be operational. There is also the construction of a new airport tower. In lieu of the newly constructed Airport Terminal & Tower, the call coming from the community for a name change is considered right timing.

Said name change of the airport should be in Honor of Statians.

Said name change will continue to build pride and patriotism within the community, as Statians are proud and resilient people and would love to promote their own and acknowledge the various contributions of their people.

Resolves

To request the Island Council

- To install a committee that will be tasked with the responsibility to engage the community of Statia through the various mediums (social platforms, central dialogue, schools etc.) to choose a name that is approved by the populace of Statia.
 - Said committee shall comprised of 7 members i.e., 2 members of the Island Council, an expert within the field proposed by Executive council, a local historian and 3 persons from the community of St. Eustatius.
 - An Island Council member shall be the chairman of the committee.
 - Committee is to report to the central committee with the name of the 7 members of the committee and periodically throughout the process with progress reports.
- To present and submit the new proposed airport name to the central committee by August 31st, 2021.

And goes over to the order of the day.

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