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## *Parliamentary Law Month Proclamation*

April 2013

Whereas, The birth month of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States of America and author of the first American manual of parliamentary practice, is an appropriate time to celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure; and

Whereas, It is fitting to honor Henry Martyn Robert, author of *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*, familiarly known as *Robert's Rules of Order*; and

Whereas, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is the most widely used parliamentary authority in private and public organizations; and

Whereas, It is an exciting time to celebrate the release of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*; and

Whereas, The use of parliamentary procedure protects the rights of individual members, of the majority, the minority, absentees, and all of these together, all the while fostering orderly deliberation; and

Whereas, The National Association of Parliamentarians has, by adoption of a standing rule, designated April as Parliamentary law Month; and

Whereas, NAP is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure; and

Whereas, The vision of NAP is to provide parliamentary leadership to the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That I, Maurice S. Henderson, President of the National Association of Parliamentarians, do hereby declare April 2013 as Parliamentary law Month and call upon districts, associations, units, and all members to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities as a way to live our mission and accomplish our vision.

*Maurice S. Henderson*