



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS®

Parliamentary Law Month Proclamation April 2020

Whereas, since April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801, it is an appropriate time to honor him and celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure;

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

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

Whereas, it is timely to reflect on the importance of parliamentary procedure in meetings in providing for civil discourse, protecting individual rights, ensuring fairness, and in maintaining order;

Whereas, The National Association of Parliamentarians® has, by adoption of a standing rule, designated the month of April as Parliamentary Law Month;

Whereas, the National Association of Parliamentarians® is a professional society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure; and

Whereas, the vision of the National Association of Parliamentarians® is to provide parliamentary leadership to the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that I, Darlene T. Allen, PRP, President of the National Association of Parliamentarians®, do hereby declare April 2020 as Parliamentary Law Month and call upon the districts, associations, units, and all members to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities as a way to create the future and bring our mission and vision into reality.

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