

Resolution of the Jamaican-Canadian Association
Assembled on May 31, 2015

That Protests the Toronto Police Service of Carding, Racial Profiling and Anti-Black Racism

Whereas: The members of the Jamaican-Canadian Association absolutely abhors the practice of the Toronto Police Service where its members arbitrarily stop, question, record and store individual's personal information in the police data bank for an indeterminate period of time;

and, Whereas: The most persons so stopped have not committed a crime nor are they about to commit a crime, are not under arrest nor are they being investigated in relation to a specific crime;

and, Whereas: The police do not tell them why they have been stopped nor their right to walk away as provided under the Canadian *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, are not provided with a record of the interaction unless they ask, at which time only a business card with the officer's name and number is provided;

and Whereas: The above practice is referred to as "carding,"

and, Whereas: The *Toronto Star* research reports the incidence of "carding" of black and brown teens and adult men is disproportionately high in relation to their population or in relation to other population segments;

and Whereas: This has led to the Toronto Police Service being perceived as engaging in racial profiling and overt anti-black racism;

and Whereas: The members of the Jamaican-Canadian Association sees "carding" as counter-productive as it fosters negative attitudes and distrust of the police when what the police and the community wants is exactly the opposite.

Be it therefore resolved that the members of the Jamaican Canadian Association hereby register their unqualified opposition to the practice of "carding", racial profiling and racism in all its forms by the Toronto Police and demands that the practice be discontinued forthwith;

Be it further resolved that this resolution be delivered or otherwise communicated to each of the following persons, the media and others that are not specifically mentioned:

- 1—Ms. Kathleen Wynn M.P.P, Premier of Ontario
- 2—Mr. John Tory, Mayor of the City of Toronto
- 3—The Toronto Police Services Board and its Chairman, Dr. Alok Mukherjee
- 4—Mr. Mark Saunders, Chief, Toronto Police Services
- 5—Ms. Andrea Horwath M.P.P, Leader of the Opposition, Ontario
- 6—Mr. Jagmeet Singh, M.P.P., deputy leader, N.D.P.

and, Be it further resolved that the Jamaican Canadian Association will publicly advocate for change and will support and cooperate with such other groups, individuals and institutions in the struggle to abolish this horrible practice.