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Dear Fellow Grenadians and Friends of Grenada,

I am writing on behalf of Washington DC Diaspora Consultative Committee (WDCCC) asking you to join with us in forging a partnership with the Grenadian community to preserve and protect the cultural heritage of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

The WDCCC is an outgrowth of the Diaspora Founding Conference in Grenada 2011 and is comprised of concerned Grenadians in the diaspora. The mission of our committee is to engage the Grenadian diaspora in the development of a plan to preserve and protect our national cultural heritage while creating a partnership with government agencies, private sector, and national heritage organizations in Grenada. Toward that end the committee has developed an action plan that includes the following priority areas:

- 1. Preservation and protection of our archives;
- Protection and preservation of intellectual cultural property, to include archeological digs, sites and artifacts;
- 3. Designation of sites and buildings of cultural historic significance throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique as protected areas and heritage sites;
- 4. Preservation and protection of cultural historical artifacts such as slave pens, and built heritage such as sedan chair porticos and placing plques on these designated sites;
- 5. Collaborate with the Government of Grenada, national Trust, Willie Redhead Foundation, Grenada national Museum to establish a National Cultural Register;
- 6. Develop and strengthen existing legislation that would designate buildings and sites as protected areas;
- 7. Develop Carriacou as an intangible heritage site.

The Grenada National Trust, Willie Redhead Foundation and the Grenada National Museum have identified landmarks and heritage sites. The WDCCC fully supports this endeavor and has identified as a major initiative during the 2012 Diaspora Homecoming (August 5-18 2012), of which the theme is "Engaging Our Communities-Embracing Our Heritage", the purchase of

three plaques to be awarded and placed on three (3) selected sites in August 2012. <u>The cost of these plaques is \$3,000.00 to include shipping and handling.</u>

Your charitable contribution will help us achieve our objective for Homecoming, while at the same time launch our efforts in preserving and protecting the national cultural heritage of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

Please make checks/money-orders payable to: The Friends of Grenada, Inc (FOG), P.O Box 2309, Washington, DC 20013-2309 (All contributions are tax deductible)

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Yours sincerely

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