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ERC COMMEMORATES UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) shares in observing the United Nations' International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. Celebrated on August 9 annually, this day serves as a vital reminder of the importance of preserving the rights, cultures, contributions, and knowledge of Indigenous communities.

Guyana's Indigenous populations are recognized as the first inhabitants of our nation, having lived on this land for centuries before the arrival of the first explorers. Despite the decimation of Indigenous populations in other parts of the region, descendants from nine Indigenous nations continue to thrive in our country, making significant contributions to all aspects of Guyana's development, inclusive of cultural, socio-economic, environmental and political, among others.

On this international day, the ERC joins with the rest of Guyana in embracing the invaluable contributions of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We encourage all citizens to celebrate the successes of our Indigenous Peoples and to support their central role in shaping the future of our country.

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