

The Keys to the City of Kingston will be presented to Jamaica's first National Hero, the Right Excellent Marcus Garvey, posthumously this month, by the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC).

The presentation will be made to his son, Dr. Julius Garvey, during a civic ceremony to mark the 125th anniversary of the National Hero's birth, on August 17 at Emancipation Park, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Garvey will be in the island between August 16 and 19 to participate in activities commemorating the anniversary of his father's birth.

A Resolution to make the presentation of the Keys, the highest honour that can be bestowed by the KSAC, was passed during the Council's monthly meeting today (August 14), at its Chambers, downtown Kingston.

Councillor Ian Telfer, in moving the Resolution, said he considered it the nation's duty to "pay homage to recognise the works of Marcus Garvey and not fall prey to what we've seen in the past where others, from other countries, other movements recognise our people prior to us making note ourselves."

The Resolution further states that August 17 be recognised and celebrated as Marcus Garvey Day.

Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Angela Brown-Burke, said she is pleased that the motion was passed unanimously and that it spoke to the kind of influence that Marcus Garvey has had on the nation.

"Many of us have grown up with a greater sense of self because of the teachings of Marcus Garvey," she said.