

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2023

- WHEREAS,** HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WAS FIRST CELEBRATED IN 1998 IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. IT IS OBSERVED NATIONWIDE AND IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND HONOR THE TRADITIONS OF HAITI AND ITS PEOPLE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE MONTH OF MAY IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT MARKS THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE BIRTH OF TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION, AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI FLAG - A MAJOR PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN HAITI AND THE DIASPORA; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RICH HISTORY, CULTURE AND VIBRANT DIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING AND DISTINGUISHING ITSELF THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION, AND BUSINESSES; AND
- WHEREAS,** AS EDUCATORS, AUTHORS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, ACTIVISTS, ATHLETES, ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND POLITICIANS, HAITIAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE THEIR MARK IN EVERY FACET OF SOCIETY AND HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BETTERMENT AND DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND THE NATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** MANY HAITIANS ARE ON THE FRONTLINES AS YOUR NURSES, DOCTORS, RESTAURANT WORKERS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERYDAY TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLYWOOD; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAVE THRIVED AS A MELTING POT OF IMMIGRANTS, UNITED BY COMMON VALUES AND THE PROMISE OF A BETTER TOMORROW; AND
- WHEREAS,** THERE IS A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN HAITIANS AND FLORIDA, WITH APPROXIMATELY 46% OF HAITIAN AMERICANS LIVING AND PROSPERING IN THIS STATE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ENCOURAGES THE PROMOTION OF INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2023 AS:

NATIONAL HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF
MAY 2023 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN

COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA