



PROCLAMATION


- WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is a jubilant celebration in the United States, that embraces and recognizes Haitian heritage and culture; and
- WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month was first observed in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1998 and has been observed nationwide in the month of May from Florida to New York with parades, festivals, and school activities; and
- WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month salutes Haitian and Haitian-American contributions, which have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this city and the United States, and
- WHEREAS, Haitian Americans have made their mark as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians, in our society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of our community and the United States, and
- WHEREAS, there is a strong connection between Haitians and Florida, with approximately 46 percent of Haitian Americans living and prospering in this state, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with Vice Mayor Samuel Kaufman and the entire Key West City Commission proclaim May 2022, as

Haitian Heritage Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to celebrate the contributions of the Haitian community in Key West and throughout the Florida Keys.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of May 2022.


Teri Johnston, Mayor

Samuel Kaufman, Vice Mayor