



AGENDA

NORTH MIAMI CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, April 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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TAB H

- DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$2,500 TO “A TASTE OF HAITI” EVENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 2013
Sponsored by: Mayor Andre D. Pierre



JEAN MONESTIME
COMMISSIONER

April 4th 2013

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Mr. Stephen Johnson
City Manager
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

More than a decade ago, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners declared by resolution the month of May as Haitian Heritage Cultural Month.

During the 2013 celebration of Haitian Heritage Cultural Month, Miami-Dade County will pay tribute to the many contributions that the Haitian people have made to our community, our state and our nation. These events will increase public knowledge and appreciation of the Haitian culture in America. Haitians and people of Haitian decent continue to make valuable contributions to our society in the areas of arts and entertainment, humanities, natural sciences, politics and media. While their contributions have been great, they have often been overlooked in textbooks and in the minds and hearts of many. This is why Miami-Dade County's Haitian Heritage Cultural Month celebration is so important.

Highlights of this year's events will include opening and closing receptions, history and art contests for high school students, art displays throughout the county, festivals and a showcase of local chefs at our Taste of Haiti as well as many events celebrating the lives and culture of the Haitian people. Haitian Heritage Cultural Month is also an opportunity to appreciate the beautiful cultural tapestry that makes Miami-Dade County unique. Few other places can boast of such rich diversity among its populace. Our diversity is what makes this County strong, and our willingness to celebrate this diversity helps unify our community.

Donations on our behalf are to be made to Little Haiti Optimist Foundation Inc., a 501 (c) (3) organization which has kindly partnered with us in this noble effort.

If you require additional information, feel free to contact Melonie Burke, Office of Commissioner Jean Monestime at (305) 694-2779 or via email melonie@miamidade.gov.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Monestime", written over the typed name.

Commissioner Jean Monestime, District 2