

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-59

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF
MAY AS HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND
ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Haitian-Americans constitute one of the largest minority communities in Miami-Dade County and within the City of North Miami (“City”) and make significant contributions to the cultural diversity and richness of the County; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is of particular historical relevance to Haitian-Americans in Miami-Dade County because that is the month in which Miami-Dade County’s Haitian population celebrates Haitian Flag Day, a symbol of independence, pride, unity and individual liberty felt by Haitians all over the world; Toussaint Louverture, leader of the Haitian revolution was born; the Congress of Arcahaie, a meeting of which established a united command of the Haitian revolutionary under the leadership of Jean-Jacques Dessalines took place; and the last Sunday of May is commemorated in Haiti as Mother’s Day and

WHEREAS, Haitians and their descendants have contributed greatly to the arts and sciences, including John James Audubon, the acclaimed naturalist and wildlife artist who inspired the American conservation society that bears his name, and W.E.B. DuBois, the Haitian-American author and political activist, who became one of the most prominent intellectual leaders of African-American society during the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the close proximity of Haiti to the shores of the United States, in conjunction with the common bond of mutual values and commitment to democracy, ensures lasting comity of nations and continued trade and diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, Haiti, the only republic to rise from a successful slave rebellion, inspires pride, solidarity, and self-reliance; and

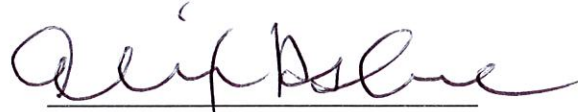
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami desires to declare the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month and to encourage observance of the month with appropriate exhibitions, ceremonies, celebrations, and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:


Section 1. **Designation.** That the City of North Miami hereby designate the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month and hereby encourage observance of the month with appropriate exhibitions, ceremonies, celebrations, and activities to recognize and honor the heritage, accomplishments, and contributions of Haitian-Americans to our community.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of May, 2024.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DESULME

CO-SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)