

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** Haiti, a word meaning "Land of Mountains," was given its name by its first inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS:** the first black nation to gain its independence on January 1, 1804; and

**WHEREAS:** for a country's citizens, the national flag is indisputably a symbol of great pride, with the Haitian community equally proud; and

**WHEREAS:** the Haitian population in South Florida joins together during the month of May to commemorate their "Flag Day" and celebrate their historical and cultural identity; and

**WHEREAS:** our vibrant Haitian community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of our City with rich cultural influences; and

**WHEREAS:** it is appropriate to promote awareness, and understanding of cultural diversity in our society in order to strengthen the self-esteem of our multicultural community, and

**WHEREAS:** throughout this month, the Haitian Community will gather and celebrate their heritage through historical and cultural traditions and observances.

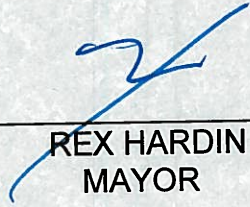
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as:

## ***HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH***

and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the growing Haitian Community and also in celebrating the unique history, culture and people of the Republic of Haiti.

DONE this 23rd day of April, 2019.



  
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REX HARDIN  
MAYOR