



Requested by Vice Mayor Bolton

WHEREAS, Haiti is a Caribbean country occupying the western portion of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is a patriotic day celebrated in Haiti and in cities throughout the United States with parades, cultural and athletic events; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Flag Day is at the center of Haitian Heritage Month on May 18th each year. It was coined as an official commemoration to the fallen soldiers who helped the United States and many other Western colonized countries gain their freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is a celebration in the United States of Haitian heritage and culture which was first celebrated in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1998.

WHEREAS, since 1998, several governors, members of state senates and houses of representatives, Mayors and City Commissioners have issued annual citations recognizing the contributions of Haitian Americans in their states and cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

“HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in the City of Tamarac and encourage all residents and citizens to learn about the history of Haitian Americans and their contributions to our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tamarac to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2020.

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