

# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

## Haitian Heritage Month & Haitian Flag Day

WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month, is celebrated during the month of May, and is set aside to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of Haitians and the Haitian culture in the shared fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month provides our diverse community the opportunity to recognize, celebrate, and honor the rich heritage, and many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, musician Wyclef Jean; actress Garcelle Beauvais; author, poet, and artist Franck Etienne; soccer player Reginal Goreux; and actress Meta Golding, are all Haitians or of Haitian descent that have made contributions to the arts and world culture and our very own Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, is currently the only member of Congress of Haitian descent; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian community also comes together on Flag Day on May 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the creation of the Flag of Haiti and their historical and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Flon was a Haitian seamstress, patriot and national heroine that sewed the first Haitian flag in 1803. She is regarded as one of the symbols of the Haitian Revolution. Flon also became a figure of admiration among Haitian women. Social events and woman-led activist movements are named after the revolutionary hero. On festivals and national holidays, young women dress as Flon and other female revolutionaries, calling attention to the role of women in the Revolution and in Haitian history as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise recognizes the importance of commemorating Haitian History Month as it acknowledges the achievements of Haitians and encourages families and the larger community to share and demonstrate pride in Haitian culture and history.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2026 as: **Haitian Heritage Month** and May 18th as **Haitian Flag Day** in the City of Sunrise.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of  
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor