



# Proclamation

## HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Haitian Heritage Month is a jubilant celebration in the United States, embracing Haitian heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, first celebrated in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1998, Haitian Heritage Month is observed nationwide in the month of May from Florida to New York with parades, festivals, and school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Haitian Heritage Month is held to salute Haitian and Haitian-American communities and to exhibit appreciation for their culture and heritage, which have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this nation and state, and

**WHEREAS**, as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians, Haitian Americans have made their mark in every facet of society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of this state and the nation, and

**WHEREAS**, the United States and the State of Florida have thrived as a melding of immigrants, united by common values and the promise of a better tomorrow, and

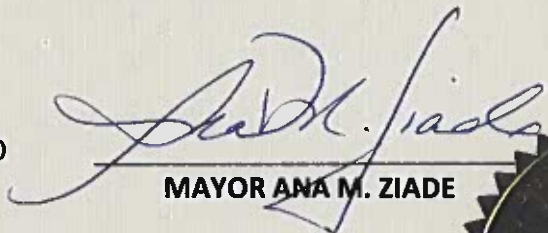
**WHEREAS**, there is a strong connection between Haitians and Florida, with approximately 46 percent of Haitian Americans living and prospering in this state, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, hereby proclaims the month of May as

### Haitian American Heritage Month

and encourages all of the residents of our City to honor this observance and to remember that America's greatness lies in its diversity.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2020

  
MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE

