



# PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, first celebrated in Boston Massachusetts in 1988, Haitian American Heritage Month is now observed nationwide in the month of May from Florida to New York with parades, festivals, and school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Haitian American 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**, May 18 is Flag Day in Haiti which celebrates the culture and heritage of the Haitian flag, honoring their forefathers and replenishing their resolve for Haiti's future; 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, including hundreds of thousands of Haitian- Americans residing in South Florida alone; and

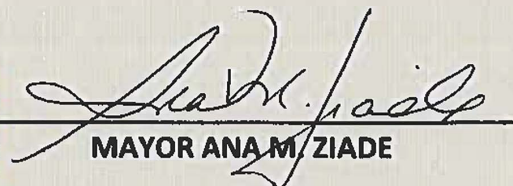
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, Florida do hereby proclaim May as:

## HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage all residents to honor this observance and to remember that America's greatness lies in its diversity.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2021



  
MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE