

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 2025 Haitian Heritage Month
Flags Celebration hosted by Centre Culturel,
Spirituel et Traditionnel and Brooklyn's Little
Haiti

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultural heritages that contribute to the vibrancy and strength of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Haitian Heritage Month Flags Celebration to be held in Brooklyn, New York, on Friday, May 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, This annual celebration is co-hosted by the Centre Culturel, Spirituel et Traditionnel and Brooklyn's Little Haiti, both of which are dedicated to preserving and promoting the cultural legacy, spiritual traditions, and historical pride of the Haitian people; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Flag, created on May 18, 1803, stands as a powerful symbol of independence, unity, and resilience, commemorating the courage and sacrifice of the Haitian people in their historic fight to become the first Black republic and the first nation to abolish slavery; and

WHEREAS, The Haitian Heritage Month Flags Celebration uplifts these historic achievements while fostering pride, solidarity, and cultural education among Haitian Americans and their allies in the broader Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, Through cultural performances, music, traditional cuisine, community resource engagement, and the ceremonial raising of the Haitian flag, this celebration affirms the vital presence and contributions of the Haitian diaspora in the social, cultural, and civic life of New York City; and

WHEREAS, Events such as this serve as meaningful reminders of the values of liberty, perseverance, and identity and underscore the importance of preserving and celebrating cultural heritage for future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 2025 Haitian Heritage Month Flags Celebration and to applaud the work of Centre Culturel, Spirituel et Traditionnel and Brooklyn's Little Haiti for their leadership in cultural preservation and community engagement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the organizers of the 2025 Haitian Heritage Month Flags

Celebration in recognition of this proud and important occasion.