



# RESOLUTION

No. 24-96

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH JUNE 2024

**WHEREAS**, the countries of the Caribbean faced obstacles of slavery and colonialism and fought for independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the independence movements throughout the Caribbean and the consequential establishment of independent democratic countries in the Caribbean strengthened ties between the region and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans have contributed greatly to every aspect of American society, including, but not limited to, the fine arts, education, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, the military, music, science, medicine, technology, and

**WHEREAS**, many influential Caribbean Americans have contributed to the rich history of the United States, including Alexander Hamilton, a Founding Father of the United States and the first Secretary of the Treasury, Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, the pioneer settler of Chicago; James Weldon Johnson, the writer of the Black National Anthem; Celia Cruz, the world-renowned queen of salsa music; Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American Congresswoman and first African-American woman candidate for President; Audre Lorde, influential feminist, writer, and civil rights activist; Roberto Clemente, the first Latino inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame; Colin Powell, the first African-American Secretary of State; and Eric Holder, the first African -American Attorney General; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans share their culture through food, festivals, carnivals, music, dance, film, and literature, which enrich the cultural landscape of the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Caribbean Heritage Month and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

## CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH JUNE 2024

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 8th day of August 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY

  
Lori Alhadeff, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Peter B. Licata, Superintendent of Schools

The Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.