

BONSOIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

CHAIRMAN MONESTIME, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO THE 4th ANNUAL TASTE OF HAITI.

IT'S REALLY A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL TO CELEBRATE THE RICH FLAVORS OF HAITIAN CUISINE.

I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'M A BIT OF A FOODIE. SO, WHEN I SAW WHAT WAS ON TODAY'S MENU, I KNEW I HAD TO COME PAY A VISIT TO NORTH MIAMI.

AND I WANT TO THANK THE HAITIAN CULTURAL ALLIANCE, AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND HOSTS, FOR BRINGING SUCH A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

THIS IS THE FIFTEENTH YEAR THAT WE'VE PROUDLY CELEBRATED HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND WE SURE KNOW HOW TO CELEBRATE IN MIAMI-DADE, DON'T WE?

THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT CHAIRMAN MONESTIME'S OFFICE HAS ORGANIZED, PROMISES TO DELIVER PLENTY OF HAITIAN ART, CULTURE, MUSIC, AND FOOD -- MY PERSONAL FAVORITE -- FOR OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY, ALL MONTH LONG.

BUT WHAT I REALLY LIKE MOST ABOUT THIS CELEBRATION IS HOW IT BRINGS US ALL TOGETHER.

LIKE I'VE SAID IN THE PAST, WE ARE ALL MIAMIANS.

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AND AS SUCH, WE MUST CELEBRATE AND SHARE EACH OTHER'S HERITAGE.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH IS ALL ABOUT.

SO, AS WE CELEBRATE HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I THINK WE'RE ALSO CELEBRATING THE MARK THAT ALL OF MIAMI-DADE'S DIVERSE CULTURES HAVE MADE IN AMERICA.

WE'VE ALL COME TOGETHER TO MAKE MIAMI-DADE THE WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE TODAY.

THERE'S BEAUTY AND STRENGTH IN OUR DIVERSITY. AND FOR THAT, WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE WITH GREAT EVENTS LIKE "TASTE OF HAITI."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND HAPPY HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH!

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MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!

MERCI BEAUCOUP!