

**Florida House of Representatives**  
**Representative Phillip J. Brutus**  
**District 108**

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** on October 9 1779 a battalion of more than 500 Haitians, who made up the largest military unit in the American Revolutionary war's bloody siege at Savannah Georgia, together with American colonists and French troops successfully defeated a push by British troops; and

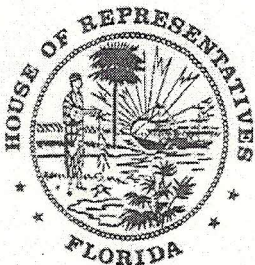
**WHEREAS:** the Savannah City Commission voted to erect a monument in Benjamin Square, commemorating the Haitians' bravery on that historic day;

**WHEREAS:** the Haitian people organized the world's first and only revolution of enslaved people by defeating the forces of Napoleon Bonaparte and subsequently establishing the first Black Republic of the world; and

**WHEREAS:** knowledge of Haitian people's valuable contribution to the independence of the United State of America and the struggle of indigenous peoples around the world yearning to be free has largely been kept from American and world history books; and

**WHEREAS,** the Haitian-American Historical Society has dedicated itself to informing the world of the Haitian people's valiant history and contribution to the cause of freedom:

**NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT PROCLAIMED** on behalf of the One Hundred Twenty members of the Florida House of Representatives and the constituents of House District 108, that I, Phillip Brutus, do hereby salute and commend the Haitian-American Historical Society for its indefatigable dedication to making Haiti's contribution to the freedom of indigenous peoples known to all and immortalizing its founding father's role in the creation of the United States of America, as witnessed by my hand this 18<sup>h</sup> day of Mach 2006.



REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIP J. BRUTUS  
HOUSE DISTRICT 108

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