

**Introduced By:** Black Caucus Vice-Chair Castelin  
**Sponsored By:** Black Caucus Chair Holmes, Caribbean Students' Association, Senator Rolle, Senator Cura, Disability Caucus Chair Cox, Senator Mole, Chair Guel Chair Temple, Senator Spaulding, Senator Domino, DPT Foster, Vice Chair Robbins  
**Contact:** Hispanic/Latinx Caucus Chair Saucedo  
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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 54-07**

[Proclamation Celebrating June 2022 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures celebrating extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean American Heritage Month was established to spread knowledge and appreciation toward the contributions of Caribbean people to the United States through the means of history, culture, and/or achievements;

**WHEREAS**, National Caribbean-American Heritage Month has been nationally recognized within the U.S. government since June 5th, 2006 by the Proclamation of President George W. Bush, and has been most recently recognized by President Joe Biden on May 31st, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, According to the Institute of Caribbean Studies, "Caribbean immigrants have been contributing to the well-being of American society since its founding. Alexander Hamilton, the First Secretary of the Treasury, was from the Caribbean island of Nevis." In addition, Caribbean American Colin Powell was the first person of color to serve as Secretary of State;

**WHEREAS**, According to a 2017 report from the Migration Policy Institute, 4.4 million Caribbean immigrants reside in the United States, accounting for 10 percent of the nation's immigrants, with the nation being the top destination for Caribbean emigrants outside of the region. Florida comprises 41% of the Caribbean immigrant population,

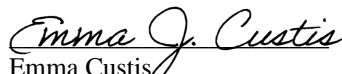
**WHEREAS**, According to World Population Review, the Caribbean refers to a region of islands situated in the Caribbean Sea, with Caribbean nationalities deriving from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Belize, Caribbean Netherlands, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, St. Barthélemy, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Martin, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, U.S. Virgin Islands, Venezuela, and other territories; and

**WHEREAS**, The Caribbean Students' Association at UCF has been officially established since Spring of 1992 and is the largest minority organization with 184 students.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida to celebrate June 2022 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month and support any event celebrating it; and

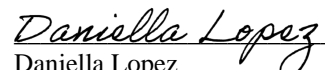
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to UCF President Alexander Cartwright, UCF Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Multicultural Student Center (MSC), Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Director Wayne Johnson, Black Faculty and Staff President Dr. Lee Ross, Caribbean Students' Association President Samantha Harrison, Club Kreyol, Neg Kreyol, Famn Kreyol, Dominican Student Association, Cuban American Student Association, and the Puerto Rican Student Association.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

  
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Date

  
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Date