

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, at 4:53 p.m., the Republic of Haiti was devastated by a catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake that took the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and affected approximately three million, with 1.5 million people initially displaced and 55,107 displaced people remain as of September 2016; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake destroyed much of the infrastructure in Haiti, thus hampering recovery efforts. Nine months later, the presidential palace was still in ruins, thousands were living in a massive tent city across the street, and 3,978 schools were damaged or destroyed by the earthquake; and

WHEREAS, in response, \$13.34 billion have been allocated by international agencies for 2010-2020, according to the United Nations Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the most recent disaster to strike Haiti, Hurricane Matthew, a Category 4 storm that ripped through Haiti's southern region in October of 2016, destroying crops, displacing thousands of people, killing more than 900 people and causing over \$2.8 billion in damages; and

WHEREAS, **“Remembering Haiti – the Earthquake”** is a cultural event that celebrates the Haitian culture and commemorates the anniversary of the tragic earthquake while bringing awareness to the continued needs of the Haitian people. The theme this year is **Remembering Haiti...4:53 p.m. “The Color of PROGRESS!”**; and

WHEREAS, we welcome Minister-Counsellor Pierre Max Charles, the new Haitian General for the Consulate of the Republic of Haiti Orlando;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, and Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6 City Commissioner, hereby do proclaim Thursday, January 12, 2017 as

“REMEMBERING HAITI – THE EARTHQUAKE DAY”

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto have set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 12th day of January 2017.

Mayor Buddy Dyer

*Samuel B. Ings, Commissioner
District 6*