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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS “CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the vision of the National Caribbean American Heritage Month movement is an America where all
2 the contributions of the diverse immigrants that have come to these shores are celebrated and the American dream of a
3 melting pot society that honors and promotes inclusive prosperity is realized as we all pursue the unfolding of a more
4 perfect union; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of National Caribbean American Heritage Month is to promote the rich culture and
6 heritage of the Caribbean American people and their contribution to the United States of America; and

7 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly acknowledges the significant ways Caribbean Americans have
8 shaped our culture and heritage. Americans with roots in the Caribbean have greatly enriched our society, contributing to
9 the arts, business, journalism, technology, government, religion, the military, sports, and many other fields; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout our country’s history, Caribbean Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping the
11 American experience, from building the infrastructure of our neighborhoods, our economy, our classrooms, our operating
12 rooms, our board rooms, to influencing and shaping all facets of our arts, our music, our fashion, and our cultural identity;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Marley, who is of Jamaican descent, lived in Delaware from 1965 to 1977. He used his musical
15 prowess to combat injustices worldwide and a festival, named for him, is held annually to commemorate his time in
16 Delaware; and

17 WHEREAS, Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman to be elected to the United States Congress, was a first-
18 generation American of Barbadian and Guyanese descent; and

19 WHEREAS, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Cicely Tyson, The Honorable Marcus Garvey, W.E.B. Du
20 Bois, James Weldon Johnson, Harry Belafonte, and Sidney Poitier all hail from the Caribbean; and

21 WHEREAS, one of the most influential Caribbean Americans of the United States includes Kamala Harris, the
22 first Black Vice President, who is of Jamaican descent.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
25 Senate concurring therein, that the State of Delaware recognizes the month of June as “Caribbean American Heritage
26 Month”.

SYNOPSIS

Recognizing the month of June as "Caribbean American Heritage Month" in the State of Delaware.