

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the International Culture Wine & Food Festival in The Bahamas (ICWFF) is a non-profit organization that is concerned with staging a United Nations oriented event to better the lives of the community and celebrate the co-existence of different nationalities and the blending of the cultures resident here in The Bahamas.

AND WHEREAS, the International Culture Wine & Food Festival in the Bahamas was formed as a Committee in 1994, under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration, to bring together representatives from each country for the benefit of creating better understanding and developing an annual event that recognizes United Nations Flag Day and showcases the cultural heritage of the various foreign national groups domiciled here for the purposes of work.

AND WHEREAS, the International Culture Wine & Food Festival and the coming together of many peoples contributes positively to the narrative that promotes tolerance and acceptance. ICWFF achieves this through partnering with other NGOs and producing the following elements: culinary, a lecture series, theatrical performances, independent film screenings, visual arts, performing arts, an international street parade, a state dinner and a UN ecumenical church service.

AND WHEREAS, in support of its objectives and in commemoration of its twentieth anniversary, the International Culture Wine & Food Festival has organized a month of activities and events that are intended to increase awareness of the ICWFF and its role in The Bahamas, highlight significant milestones and recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Festival's development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as **International Culture Month**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my Hand and Seal
this 20th day of July, 2015

PERRY G. CHRISTIE
PRIME MINISTER