

# Proclamation



## The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

**Whereas:** Promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions, and Miami-Dade County provides its residents with programs and initiatives, which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations and cross-cultural communication; and

**Whereas:** The Surinamese community of Miami-Dade County will celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Suriname on November 25, 2006; and

**Whereas:** Strategically situated on the north eastern coast of South America, just north of the Amazon Delta, Suriname gained its independence from the Netherlands and continues to be a country rich in natural resources; and

**Whereas:** As Miami-Dade County helps the Surinamese community celebrate this very special day it is also fitting to honor formal citizens of Suriname who are living in South Florida and make vital contributions to the growth and progress of our society; and

**Whereas:** Miami-Dade County takes pride in applauding the accomplishments and achievements of those of Surinamese descent as they commemorate the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Suriname;


**Now Therefore:** BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, CARLOS ALVAREZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRMAN JOE A. MARTINEZ AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 25, 2006, as

## Suriname Day

**In Observance Thereof:** I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in acknowledging all those who hail from Suriname that call our community home, thanking them for bringing their rich culture to our midst.



  
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Joe A. Martinez  
Chairman

  
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Carlos Alvarez  
Mayor



JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of Florida, congratulations to the people of Suriname on the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of your independence.

Floridians are proud of our cultural and economic relationship with Republic of Suriname. Suriname is an important trading partner for Florida, with two-way trade between our regions reaching \$89.5 million in 2005—an increase of 3.2 percent from 2004 alone. The vibrant Surinamese communities across Florida have also made a notable contribution to the robustness of our state, and we are honored to join them in celebrating this joyful occasion.

We look forward to preserving our positive relations in the years to come and wish Suriname and its citizens great success and prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush".

Jeb Bush



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