



Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** speaks at the HALEFO celebration today, flanked by Deputy Inspector **Gaby Celiba** and Lt. **Claude Celestin** in Little Haiti, Brooklyn on Jean Jacques Dessalines Boulevard

Happy Haitian Flag Day & Haitian Heritage Month

*Today is a celebration of **Haitian Heritage, Culture and History.***



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn speaks on a resolution memorializing the governor to proclaim May 12, 2021, as **Haitian Unity Day** in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of **Haitian Heritage Month**.*

On this day in 1803, revolutionary leader **Jean-Jacques Dessalines**, tore up a French tricolor flag and stitched together **Haiti's first independent flag**. The following year, he led the first successful slave revolt in history, and Haiti gained independence from France to become the second country in the Western Hemisphere, after the United States of America, to free itself from colonial rule. Ever since, Haiti has been an inspiration to nations around the world.



*Life of Hope co-founder Father **Juan Luxama**, Council Member **Farah N. Louis**, Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn**, Life of Hope co-founder, **Porex Luxama**, District Leader **Josue Pierre**, and Dr. **Christina Pardo** share the stage at **Life of Hope Haitian** celebration in **Little Haiti, Brooklyn***



*District Leader **Josue Pierre**, Detective **Nathalie Michel**, and Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn**, with members of **HALEFO** celebrate at the **Life of Hope Haitian Flag Day** event.*



Council Member **Farah N. Louis**, Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** and **Emmlynn L. Taylor** celebrate at Life of Hope Flag Day celebration.



*Assemblymember **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** at the **HALEFO Flag Day Ceremony** today together with District Leader **Josue Pierre** (far left), Judge **Dweynie Esther Paul**, Lt. **Claude Celestin** and Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector **Gaby Celiba**.*

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)**, and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education, Banks, Health, and Higher Education**. She is also a member of the **Task Force on Women's Issues** and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council** and **Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force**.