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- To remember the unity reached by the Black and Mulatto officers at their historic congress on May 15-18, 1803 to fight together against slavery in the French colony of St. Domingue, and for its independence, which they proclaimed on January 1, 1804.
- To celebrate the creation of the blue and red Haitian flag on May 18, 1803.
- To honor Haitian General Toussaint Louverture who was born on May 20 1743.
- To celebrate Haitian achievements and contributions across the globe.
- To raise awareness and understanding about Haitian culture and traditions.
- To strengthen the self-esteem of Haitian/Haitian American youth.
- To honor Haitian tradition of celebrating:

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| - May 1st | Labor and Agriculture Day |
| - May 17th | Teacher's Day |
| - May 18th | University Day |
| - Last Sunday in May | Mother's Day |