



Celebrate **CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**



National Caribbean American Heritage Month is a U.S. observance recognized annually in June.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month celebrates the extensive contributions of Caribbean immigrants to America. Efforts to establish it started in 1999, leading to the first White House Caribbean American Community briefing being held at the White House. In 2000, advocacy groups started informally celebrating in June and in 2004, an official campaign for a formal heritage month was put to US Congress. The bill passed and President George W. Bush signed the resolution on June 5, 2006, establishing National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Why It Is Important:

- > Caribbean Americans represent 30 nations and a unique blend of cultures and heritage that you see today in music, food, arts, cul-ture, and clothing. There are more than 3 million Caribbean Americans currently living in the US.
- > Celebrating and learning about cultural heritages brings a greater appreciation for humanity, hardship, and the variety of back-grounds that make up America today. It helps us understand how cultures are viewed, inter-act with each other, and impact history.

Ways to Celebrate:

- > Attend an event in your community! It's a great way to learn more about the rich cultures of the Caribbean community and cele-brate their contributions to our society.
- > Educate yourself on the history of Caribbean Americans in the U.S. Watch a documentary or movie, read a book, listen to a podcast, or visit a museum to learn more.
- > Support a Caribbean American-owned business.
- > Create a playlist! Caribbeans are known for their upbeat music. Use an existing playlist on your streaming platform or create your own. It's a great way to honor Caribbean culture!