

## 2010 Haitian Day Parade & Festival Participant Guidelines

- 1.- By completing an application to participate in the 2010 Haitian Day Parade & Festival, you understand that not all applicants will be selected for participation.
- 2.- The Haitian Day Parade & Festival Association reserves the right to accept or reject any parade/festival unit application.
- 3.- The application serves as a waiver of release for your organization. By signing the application, you are thus signing the waiver and agreeing to the terms therein.
- 4.- All accepted organizations must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Haitian Day Parade & Festival Association as additional insured with your organization. Your organization assumes responsibility for your participants. You can obtain this insurance from your general liability carrier.
- 5.- All units in need of pre-recorded sound must provide their own sound system.
- 6.- All accepted specialty units in need of lodging will be required to stay at the parade's official hotel, Marriott hotel, 340 Adams St.....Reservations can be made at....., under the Haitian Day Parade & Festival Association (HDPFA) Block.
- 7.- Baby strollers and children's wagons are not allowed in the line of march with units.
- 8.- All participants MUST be in appropriately themed costumes, outfits or uniforms. This includes all parade unit escorts or chaperones.
- 9.- Parade participants are not allowed to distribute candy, pamphlets or other materials along the parade route. Prior approval may be given to certain organizations by the (HDPFA) for distribution along sidewalks (outside of parade barricades) to spectators.
- 10.- No vehicles are allowed on the parade route with participating units unless approved by the (HDPFA). All vehicles in the parade must be inspected by NYPD. Inspection takes place 3 hours before departure.
- 11.- All animals must be approved by the (HDPFA). City, State and Federal ordinances and/or laws apply to all participating animals.
- 12.- Parade participants must stay in their assigned staging location unless otherwise instructed by a parade official. Failure to do so will result in your unit being pulled out from the parade.
- 13.- Parade participants must keep pace with the line of march. All units must maintain forward motion during the parade. No counter marching or other maneuver contrary to the forward progress of the parade is allowed. Gaps are not allowed to occur.
- 14.- Parade units must follow instructions from parade marshals and operations staff.

15.- Parade units are NOT to stop in the television zone unless otherwise directed. Keep forward motion at all times.

16.- Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are forbidden on and along the parade route or in the festival. This includes all staging and disband areas. Participants consuming said substances prior to or during the parade or festival will not be allowed to participate and will be removed from the line of march.

17.- Improper use of the Haitian or American flag is not permitted. Proper use of the American flag is based upon U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code.

18.- Any additions or changes made to Parade or Festival after being accepted must be approved by (HDPFA). Otherwise, they (participants) will not be allowed to participate.

19.- The Parade/Festival staff reserves the right to remove any participant (s) for any reason or cause without advance notice.

**20.- The 2010 Haitian Day Parade & Festival will take place on Sunday May 30 (Memorial weekend) RAIN OR SHINE.**