



STATEMENT FROM THE HAYTI HERITAGE CENTER

March 16, 2020

We are monitoring the impact of COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) in light of Governor Roy Cooper's State of Emergency declaration on March 10, 2020. The health and wellbeing of our staff, tenants, visitors and volunteers are our highest priority.

Following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the NC Department of Health & Human Safety (DHHS) and the NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (DCNR), the "Green Book Guide to Freedom" with the 'Chitlin' Circuit Revue has been postponed until summer 2020.

Sunday church services at Hayti have been canceled for the next two weeks, and we will provide updates as we have them. African dance classes have been suspended through March, and the African American Quilt Circle reception scheduled for April 3rd has been postponed.

In addition, the following Hayti March events are postponed: "Wimmin@Work" on the 21st and the "Chip Shearin Birthday Bash Featuring Marion Meadows on the 27th. **IT IS OUR FULL INTENTION TO RESCHEDULE THESE EVENTS AT A LATER DATE.** All tickets purchased will be honored on rescheduled dates, and we sincerely appreciate your patience as we all adjust to growing health and safety concerns in our community and beyond.

Hayti's administrative offices remain open. However, we are taking increased precautions for the health and safety of us all.

If you are exhibiting symptoms of illness, we thank you in advance for staying home to recover.

If you are "at risk" then guidance from the CDC and NC Department of Health and Human Safety (DHHS) strongly encourages you to avoid large gatherings for your health and safety and for the safety of others. DHHS indicates those at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are people:

- Over 65 years of age
- With underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, diabetes; or
- With weakened immune systems

Additional measures of guidance are:

- Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds each time
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and properly dispose of the tissue immediately
- Do not reuse a tissue after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose

Thank you.

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The Hayti Heritage Center