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**March 15, 2020**

**To Whom it May Concern,**

**The JCNP (Junkanoo Corporation New Providence Ltd) is aware of the proposal to safeguard Junkanoo through the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding. Hence, we support this proposal.**

**As an organization, we have taken part in the preparations for the nomination of this element through research and documentation as well as attending preparatory meetings.**

**Our organization has the responsibility of managing annual Junkanoo Parades and believe the inscription of Junkanoo in the UNESCO list will go a long way to preserving and safeguarding this major Cultural Festival.**

**Thank you,**

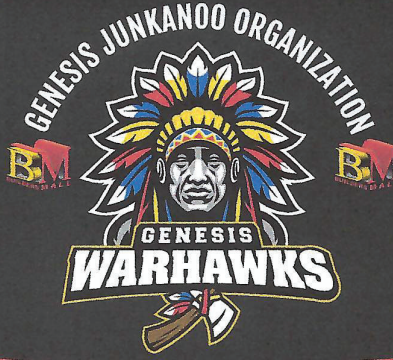
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16th March, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Nomination for Inscription of Junkanoo in The Bahamas as an  
Element of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**

I wish to confirm that the Genesis Junkanoo Organization is aware of the proposal to have Junkanoo in The Bahamas inscribed as an element of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

As one of the 6 major Junkanoo Groups in The Bahamas with a membership of over 300 persons, the Genesis Junkanoo Organization ("Genesis") fully supports the nomination. Indeed Genesis has, directly through our Vice-Chairman and indirectly through our representation on national bodies like the Junkanoo Corporation of New Providence and the National Junkanoo Committee, been involved in the preparation of the application for inscription.

We believe that inscription on the List of Intangible Culture Heritage will augur well for the implementation of safeguarding measures of this key element of Bahamian culture and will ensure that Junkanoo is protected and preserved for generations to come.

Yours faithfully,

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# SAXONS SUPERSTARS



P. O. Box N-10075 ♦ Nassau, Bahamas

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

The Shell Saxons Superstars is a Junkanoo Organization and was established in 1965. The name Saxons was derived from a Costume Design of the same. Our participation in Junkanoo Parades in the Bahamas and in particular in the capital City of Nassau, in New Providence, goes back more than 50 years. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears has gone into our organization in producing costumes for these parades under various themes annually.

It is the view of the organization that Junkanoo is the foremost cultural expression of music, art, costuming and dance, in the Bahamas.

We as an organization fully support the proposal to inscribe Junkanoo on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding and were privileged to be a part of the planning, preparation and research for the documents as well as attending meetings relative to the nomination process.

We believe that the inscription of the element on the list of **UNESCO ICH** will aid in the preservation and protection of safe guarding our unique Cultural Festival Junkanoo for the future generations of Bahamians to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Percy Francis'.

Percy "Vola" Francis

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**NATIONAL JUNKANOO  
COMMITTEE**

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February 17, 2020

**BY HAND**

Deidre Bevans  
Secretary General  
National Commission for UNESCO  
Ministry of Education  
P.O. Box N-3913  
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Nassau, Bahamas

Dear SG Bevans,

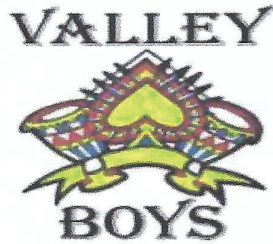
Re: **Bahamas Junkanoo Submission to UNESCO Global**

On behalf of Dr. Dwight Marshall and I along with Members of the National Junkanoo Committee, please accept our sincere Congratulations for the initiatives of the UNESCO Bahamas Committee Members in your endeavours to finally opine an official manuscript to safeguard and document Junkanoo in The Bahamas.

The National Junkanoo Committee supports this effort and looks forward to learning of the final approved outcome soonest.

With Kind Regards,

**Kishlane Smith**  
Co Chair  
National Junkanoo Committee



February 17, 2020

**BY HAND**

Deidre Bevans  
Secretary General  
National Commission for UNESCO  
Ministry of Education  
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Nassau, Bahamas

Dear SG Bevans,

Re: **Bahamas Junkanoo Submission to UNESCO Global**

On behalf of our Chairman, Brian Adderley along with our Officers and Members of the Valley Boys Junkanoo Organization, please accept our heartfelt Congratulations for the initiatives of the UNESCO Bahamas Committee Members in your endeavours to finally opine an official manuscript to safeguard and document Junkanoo in The Bahamas.

The Valley Boys Junkanoo Organization supports this effort and looks forward to learning of the final approved outcome soonest.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kishlane Smith".

**Kishlane Smith**  
Public Relations Director  
Valley Boys Junkanoo Organization



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March 15, 2020

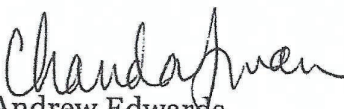
To Whom it May Concern,

Roots Junkanoo Group is aware of the proposal to safeguard Junkanoo through the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding. Hence, we support this proposal.

As an organization, we have taken part in the preparations for the nomination of this element through research and documentation as well as attending preparatory meetings.

Our organization play a major role in the annual Junkanoo Parades and believe the inscription of Junkanoo in the UNESCO List will go a long way to preserving and safeguarding this major Cultural Festival.

Thank you,

  
for Andrew Edwards  
Business Management Director



September 30, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: BAHAMAS NOMINATION: INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE:  
JUNKANOO**

Dear Sir\Madam,

I write in support of The Bahamas' nomination for Junkanoo to be placed on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage In Urgent Need of Safeguarding.

I am a born Bahamian, and have been participating in the Junkanoo parades from 1954, when I was four years old. I came to understand that this curious tradition found in this manifestation only in The Bahamas, springs from a proud root of our African ancestry. And whereas other parts of the African Diaspora may have festivals with similar names, the Bahamian evolution of Junkanoo is without parallel. It has been developed into a uniquely Bahamian experience, from our rhythms and home-grown musical instruments to our unique costuming. Its uniqueness has stood out particularly when representing The Bahamas abroad.

Junkanoo is one of the most visible forms of Bahamian identity. Were Bahamians to be asked what most brands us as Bahamians, Junkanoo would be one of the first responses received.

Today the Junkanoo festival engages thousands of Bahamians from all walks of life, and of all ages. We are immensely proud of this unique festival that we have nurtured and developed. So powerful the sway of Junkanoo that twenty years ago I created a Junkanoo museum in the house in which I grew up. I use the power of Junkanoo to teach school children about their history and culture. Junkanoo enralls them all, thus providing the gateway to learning in areas that they might otherwise not have been interested.

It is our hope that Junkanoo will be protected for the people of The Bahamas, and future generations.

I am honoured to have the opportunity to support The Bahamas' nomination for Junkanoo to be placed on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage In Urgent Need of Safeguarding.

Yours truly,

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October 6th

Deidre Bevans

Secretary General

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On behalf of myself along with all members of the village boys junkanoo organization out of the island of Eleuthera, we fully support the nomination of junkanoo to be inscribed on the list of ICH in need of urgent safe guarding.

Best Regards,

Angelica Roker,

President of the village Boys junkanoo group





# PLATINUM KNIGHTS JUNKANOO GROUP

"BUILDING YOUNG MINDS ONE VISION, ONE GOAL"

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October 6, 2020

Deidre Bevans  
Secretary General  
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P. O. Box N-3913  
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Nassau, Bahamas

Dear SG Bevans,

**Re: Bahamas Junkanoo Submission to UNESCO Global**

Platinum Knights Junkanoo Group is excited about the decision to have Junkanoo safeguarded in The Bahamas.

This letter comes as support from Platinum Knights Junkanoo Group and its leader Mr. Thomas Curry, along with its governing board. We are elated to hear about this initiative and anticipate its ultimate Conclusion.

Sincerely,

*Thomas L. Curry*  
Thomas L. Curry

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**20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

Conquerors for Christ is a Junkanoo organization which began in 2003 and gives us seventeen years of participating in the Junkanoo parades in Nassau Bahamas.

Our group uses Junkanoo to assist in our youth and children to stay away from or move away from drug use, gang violence, teenage pregnancy and other ills that attempt to destroy our society.

We believe that Junkanoo is our strongest cultural and artistic expression of Bahamian culture.

Our organization fully supports that Junkanoo is placed on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage and that this cultural phenomenon must be safeguarded. We are thankful to be a part of this nomination process.

The inscription of Junkanoo on the list of UNESCO ICH will assist greatly in the preservation, protection and safeguarding of this unique cultural expression for Bahamians past, present and future.

Sincerely,

Apostle Henry Higgins  
Henry Higgins  
President

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Deidre Bevans  
Secretary General  
National Commission for UNESCO

One Family Junkanoo and Community Organization was formed in 1993. This organization is comprised of both males and females of various ages and backgrounds. Our mission statement is to build the Bahamian community through Junkanoo, nurture the creation of economic and social opportunities through Junkanoo, revere and protect our cultural heritage, and to celebrate our cultural uniqueness as Bahamians.

One Family Junkanoo and Community Organization fully supports the proposal to inscribe Junkanoo on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding. Such an inscription on the list of *UNESCO ICH* will assist in protecting the unique and dynamic Cultural Festival Junkanoo as we plan to preserve and pass it on to future generations.

Sincerely,



Christina Fernander  
Chairperson