



March 15th, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

The JCNP (Junkanoo Corporation New Providence Ltd) write in support of The Bahamas' nomination for Junkanoo to be placed on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Miller', is written over the printed name.

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11th March, 2022

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Nomination for Inscription of Junkanoo in The Bahamas as an
Element of 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 National 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 safeguarding 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



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10th February, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE LIST OF HUMANITY

We, the Shell Saxons Superstars Junkanoo Organization established in 1965 was given the name Saxons from a Costume Design of the same name and is one of the oldest groups involved in Junkanoo. Our participation in Junkanoo parades in the Bahamas and in particular in the capital City of Nassau, in New Providence, downtown Bay Street, goes back more than fifty years. A lot of blood, sweat and tears have gone into our organization in producing costumes for these parades under various themes annually.

It would amaze one to see the ultimate sacrifice made by community Junkanoo groups like ours who have revolutionized our art forms in incredible ways. The evolutionary stories of Junkanoo over the century have brought Junkanoo to the state of being the foremost cultural expression of music, art, costuming and dance in the Bahamas.

For the past fifty or more years, we have produced more than one hundred (100) parades. As our parades are very competitive, we are the winners of more than fifty (50) of them over the period. Could you imagine doing this just for love of country and community and having to prepare for two different parades on Boxing Day, 26th December and again on 1st of January only one week apart? With a group like ours, with more than one thousand members, we rely heavily on local sponsorship to support our efforts and out of pocket contributions by members. We as an organization fully embrace the need for the proposal to safeguard Junkanoo in the Bahamas and all its aspects and practices associated with it. As a community based organization, we fully support the proposal put forward and are truly excited to be a part of the planning, preparation and research for the documents as well as attending regular meetings relative to the nomination process.

For once in our lifetime, we believe that the inscription of the element of Junkanoo that we love so much be added to the *Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity* for the preservation and protection of safeguarding our unique Cultural Festival Junkanoo for the future generations of Bahamians that will allow us the opportunity to create an industry for sustainability and economic development.

Sincerely yours,

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**NATIONAL JUNKANOO
COMMITTEE**

March 16, 2022

BY HAND

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

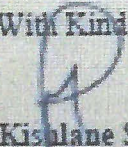
Dear SG Bevans,

Re: Bahamas Junkanoo Submission to UNESCO Global

On behalf of W. Andrew Pinder, 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 Junkanoo to be inscribed and to be a represented list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, thus looking forward to learning of the final approved outcome soonest.

With Kind Regards,


**Kiplane Smith
Deputy Co Chair
National Junkanoo Committee**

NJC's Support of UNESCO Bahamas



March 16, 2022

BY HAND

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

Dear SG Bevens,


Re: Bahamas Junkanoo Submission to UNESCO Global

On behalf of Chairman, Brian Adderley, the Leadership and I along with Members of the Valley Boys Junkanoo Organization, 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 Valley Boys Junkanoo Organization supports Junkanoo to be inscribed and to be a Represented List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

We look forward to learning of the final approved outcome.

With Kind Regards,


Kristine Smith (Mrs.)
Public Relations Director



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March 30, 2022

To Whom it may Concern.

Re: **UNESCO Safeguarding Junkanoo**

Roots Junkanoo Group is aware of the proposal to safeguard Junkanoo through the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. 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 by attending preparatory meetings.

Our organization has played a major role in the annual Junkanoo Parades for more than thirty years and believe the inscription of Junkanoo in the UNESCO List, will go a long way to preserving and safeguarding this major Cultural Festival.

We look forward to the inscription.

Respectively,

A. Edwards

Andrew Edwards
Business Director



March 11, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: BAHAMAS NOMINATION FOR INSCRIPTION ON THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY: JUNKANOO

Dear Sir\Madam,

I write in support of The Bahamas' nomination for Junkanoo to be placed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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 entralls 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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Platinum Knights Junkanoo & Youth Group

March 21, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

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 L. Curry, along with its governing board. We, the directors of the above named organization give consent for junkanoo to be inscribed and to be a represented list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

We are elated about this initiative and anticipate its ultimate Conclusion.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Curry

Thomas L. Curry



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30TH March, 2022

**The National Commission
For Unesco
Nassau Bahamas**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: ENDORSEMENT OF JUNKANOO TO THE REPRESENTATIVE
LIST OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY**

Conquerors for Christ is a Junkanoo organization which began in 2004 which gives us eighteen years of participating in the Junkanoo parades in Nassau Bahamas. Our group use Junkanoo to assist 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.

As Junkanoo has played and continue to play an important role in the life of our members and indeed our entire country it gives me great pleasure to endorse Junkanoo to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

This endorse is to help to secure the future of our nation and its cultural and social advancement.

For further information or confirmation please feel free to contact me at information listed above.

We thank you in advance for your favorable response

Sincerely,

Apostle Henry Higgins
Henry Higgins
President



ONE FAMILY

JUNKANOO AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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Nassau, Bahamas

28th March 2022

Ms. Deidre Bevans
Secretary General
National Commission for UNESCO
Nassau, Bahamas

Dear Ms. Bevans,

The One Family Junkanoo and Community Organization was formed in March of 1993. The organization comprises of both male 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.

Therefore, the One Family Junkanoo and Community Organization fully supports and gives consent to JUNKANOO being inscribed and to be represented on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Such an inscription on the list of **UNESCO ICH** will greatly assist in protecting the unique and dynamic Cultural Festival Junkanoo as we continue plans to preserve and pass it on to our future generation.

Christina Fernander
CHAIRMAN
ONE FAMILY JUNKANOO AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways and be wise". Proverbs 6:6