

## Supporting Cayman Youth: A Proclamation

WHEREAS, The well-being of all our young people is of paramount importance to the future of these islands.

WHEREAS, the people of the **Cayman Islands** have clearly shown that they value partnerships and opportunities for our youth which

- Support or generate programmes that provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences for our youth.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Engage families, schools, churches, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults, and so building stronger communities.

and

WHEREAS, **The Cayman Islands Youth Development Consortium** has done significant work in the area of the development and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that supporting our youth in asset-building is key to helping them become successful adults.

and

WHEREAS, **The Supporting Cayman Youth Campaign**, is planned to be a national celebration of partnerships and opportunities, starting in January 2010, to promote the critical importance of these opportunities for the success of our young people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Honourable W. McKeeva Bush, Premier of the Cayman Islands**, do hereby proclaim January, as "*Support Our Youth Month*"; AND I DO FURTHER DECLARE that as Premier, I enthusiastically endorse *the Supporting Cayman's Youth Campaign*, and encourage everyone in our islands to engage in or support innovative youth programs and asset-building activities that ensure the holistic development and well being of our youth.