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**THE BAHAMAS CONSULATE GENERAL ATLANTA CELEBRATES THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF
INDEPENDENCE OF THE BAHAMAS JULY 10-11, 2010**

Theme: "Celebrating Independence Through The Eyes Of Our Youth"

ATLANTA—June 2, 2010—The Bahamas Consulate General Atlanta announced their plans to host celebrations marking the 37th Independence of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Visiting dignitaries, members of the Atlanta Consular Corp, Bahamians resident in the Southeastern United States and friends of the Bahamas are expected to attend.

Scheduled events include a *Family and Friends Fun Day* on the private grounds of "The Beach House at Camp Exposure" 6301 Woodrow Rd Lithonia Georgia 30038 from 12 noon until 6pm on Saturday July 10th, (Independence Day). The event is designed to bring Bahamian families together. Emphasis will be placed on celebrating nostalgic Bahamian games including hoopla, ring play, platting of the maypole and much more. Entertainment will be all Bahamian along with performances by a guest Bahamian recording artist.

We are extremely pleased to celebrate our church service of thanksgiving at Antioch-Lithonia Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor James Ward. We will have an opportunity to share some of the traditions of the Bahamas with the membership of the church and the neighboring communities. Delivering the Independence Message will be Bishop Neil Ellis, International Author and Bishop of Mount Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church, Nassau, Bahamas. Antioch-Lithonia Baptist Church is located at 2152 Rock Chapel Road, Lithonia Georgia. The service is scheduled for Sunday July 11th at 10:30am.

"I am truly excited about sharing these unique, cultural celebrations with our American hosts here in the Southeast," said Katherine Smith Consul General, Bahamas Consulate Atlanta. "These celebrations mark a concerted effort on the part of the Bahamas Consulate to continue to foster positive foreign relations with the United States as well as providing superior services to our Bahamian citizens residing in our jurisdiction."

The weekend will encompass many expressions of Bahamian culture including indigenous foods and deserts by Bahamian chefs, as well as many prizes and giveaways.

About The Bahamas Consulate General Atlanta

The Consulate General of The Bahamas in Atlanta was established as a result of the growing interest and needs of Bahamian resident in Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee. The Bahamas Consulate offers a wide variety of services including visa and passport issuance and renewal, notarizations of official documents, verification of National Insurance recipients, interviews for Citizenship and residency and authentication of legal documents. Through our economic and development initiatives we continue to promote the Bahamas in the areas of trade, investment and tourism.

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