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"We have partnered with Keep Grand Bahama Clean. We presented this idea to them and we have been really encouraged by their efforts to promote cleanliness, to promote a cleaner greener city," she said.

Ingraham said she wants to encourage other businesses regard-

less of their size to be a part of the initiative.

Along Seahorse Road, bins continue to the entrance at the Port Lucaya Marketplace, and in Freeport, bins begin at Kentucky Fried Chicken located at Pioneer's Way and The Mall Drive to the Ranfurly Circus.

Nikira Wilchcombe, environmental manager at the Grand Bahama Port Authority and chairperson of the Keep Grand Bahama Clean Committee, said the initiative is celebrating its sixth anniversary this year and has been making a positive impact over the years.

"We are always encouraging persons to act responsibly with their litter and so this now being a mechanism by which to do so is important for us and a great achievement for the cities of Freeport and Lucaya," she said.

Wilchcombe issued an appeal to residents to make use of the bins and additionally asked that persons who drive by to utilize

them to dispose of any garbage they may accumulate.

"We really want to encourage all residents to take part in this initiative and to help keep our island clean as we promote this message," he said.

Wilchcombe added that the committee has done a lot of work with the schools to encourage youth to be environmentally conscious and stress the importance of keeping the island clean for the future.

"We've seen some strides in the six years that we've been in existence," she said. "There is still a lot more work to be done and we still need to encourage our residents to discontinue the practices of indiscriminate dumping, the casual littering as they are walking, throwing the cards, the potato chip bags and soda cans down. We want to discourage that."

Kevin Ferguson, chief counselor of the City of Freeport Council, said the council has

been involved with Keep Grand Bahama Clean since 2008 because it believes in the message.

"It has its challenges, but we believe that it's working and this effort to provide some means of proper waste disposal is a great initiative by this company Enviro-bins and we in the City of Freeport Council are pleased to be a part of it and we want to encourage all the stakeholders to take part in this project because it will help keep Grand Bahama clean," he said.

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