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Essex Vicinage to Celebrate Black History Month

The Essex Vicinage will celebrate Black History Month with its annual Spirit Program on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the first floor rotunda of the Essex County Historic Courthouse, 470 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark.

Following this year's national theme, "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington," the Essex program will feature a keynote address by attorney El-Rhonda Williams, former president of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey. Music and poetry performances will be given by Essex court staff members Kenneth Lawrence, Eulie Coleman and Caroline Ilogienboh and by students from Newark Arts High School. A historical slideshow also will be presented.

The year marks two important anniversaries in the history of African Americans and the United States: the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed on Jan. 1, 1863, which set the United States on the path of ending slavery; and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963, when hundreds of thousands of citizens marched in the continuing pursuit of equality of citizenship and self-determination. It was on that occasion that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his celebrated "I Have a Dream" speech.

The Essex Vicinage will continue to observe Black History Month throughout February with a number of educational and informative programs for staff.

The program is sponsored by the vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee.

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