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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The federal 400 Years of African American History Commission is pleased to announce a public meeting recognizing the national benchmark, global impact, and broad significance in United States of 400 years since the first Africans arrived in the English colonies.

WHEN: Thursday, August 22, 2019

TIME: 1:30 – 4:00pm

LOCATION: Paradise Ocean Club 490 Fenwick Road; Ft. Monroe, Virginia 23651

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to introduce members of the Commission, its work to date, share its vision, and to enlighten public understanding of its legislative authority and mandate.

As we contemplate the challenges that African Americans still face, we remember the tragic way in which a rich history began and continues to unfold. From 400 years, we continue to draw inspiration from the heroes and trailblazers who have fought and will continue to persevere under our country's principle that all people are created equal. These heroes and trailblazers, among millions of African Americans and others who have worked, created, invented, discovered, lived, aged and died over the past 400 years, will also produce generations that will continue to mold our national character such that the United States would be unrecognizable and, indeed, lesser without.

Preregistration is required for both public attendance and comment. Any individual who wishes to attend the meeting and/or participate in the public comment session should register via email at 400yaah@gmail.com or telephone (757) 856-1214. For those wishing to make comments, please provide a written summary of your comments prior to the meeting.

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About the 400 Years African American History Commission

Authorized by Public Law 115-102 signed by President Donald Trump on January 8, 2018, the 400 Years African American History Commission has been authorized as of October 2018 to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States; to recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African- Americans since 1619; to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States; to educate the public about the arrival of Africans in the United States; and to encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, economic, and other organizations throughout the United States to organize and participate in anniversary activities to expand understanding and appreciation.