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## Black History Month Celebration

Ocoee, Florida – The City of Ocoee will be celebrating, along with many others across the nation, Black History Month in February.

The City and the Human Relations Diversity Board will present its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Essay Contest on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., City Hall, 150 North Lakeshore Drive. The event will be taped LIVE on Ocoee TV, Channel 200, Bright House Cable. Students from local elementary and middle schools will recite their winning essays at the event.

Throughout the month of February, residents can tune in to Ocoee TV to watch programs that will highlight significant events from African American history. Below is a list of scheduled times that these programs will air.

*Monday 3:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 1 Zora Festival of the Arts and Humanities*

*Feb. 8 Orisi Risi African Folklore*

*Feb. 15 Milestone of the Civil Rights Movement*

*Feb. 22 Return to Glory*

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*Tuesday 12:00 p.m.*

*Feb. 2 Sam Rivers Live with the Rivbea Orchestra*

*Feb. 9 Colson Whitehead*

*Feb. 16 Jamaica Kincaid*

*Feb. 23 Colors of Courage*

*Thursday 12:00 p.m.*

*Feb. 4 20th Anniversary Cultural Dance Extravaganza "Our Journey"*

*Feb. 11 Colors of Courage*

*Feb. 18 Sam Rivers Live with the Rivbea Orchestra*

*Feb. 25 Colson Whitehead*

*Friday 3:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 5 Milestones of the Civil Rights Movement*

*Feb. 12 Return to Glory*

*Feb. 19 Orisi Risi African Folklore*

*Feb. 26 Zora Festival of the Arts and Humanities*

*Sunday 4:30 p.m.*

*Feb. 7 Jamaica Kincaid*

*Feb. 14 20th Anniversary Cultural Dance Extravaganza "Our Journey"*

*Feb. 21 Colson Whitehead*

*Feb. 28 Sam Rivers Live with the Rivbea Orchestra*

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A Wall of Fame recognizing historical black figures will be showcased at City Hall in recognition of Black History Month. The Wall of Fame will display biographical sketches of several trailblazers who influenced American culture. Some of these trailblazers include Langston Hughes, Harriet Tubman and Jesse Owens.

For more information, contact Joy P. Wright, Community Relations Manager at 407-905-3100 ext. 9-1530.

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