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Ocoee Celebrates Diversity during Black History Month

Ocoee, Florida – The City of Ocoee will pay tribute to Black History Month throughout the month of February.

The City of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity Board is holding its 6th Annual Black History Month Essay Contest. The essay contest is open to Ocoee elementary, middle and high schools. The theme for this year's competition is "The March Goes On." The deadline for students to submit their essays is Monday, February 14. The essays should be delivered to City Hall, 150 North Lakeshore Drive.

An essay awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m., City Hall. The ceremony will be taped LIVE on Ocoee TV, Channel 200, Bright House Cable. Students will recite their winning essays at the ceremony and be presented with their awards.

Throughout the month of February, residents can tune in to Ocoee TV to watch programs that will highlight significant events from African-American history. Visit www.ocoee.org to get the times and dates the shows will air.

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Residents are encouraged to visit City Hall to view the Wall of Fame recognizing historical African-American figures. The Wall of Fame displays biographical sketches of several trailblazers who influenced American culture. Some of these trailblazers include Langston Hughes, Harriet Tubman and Jesse Owens. Motorists traveling on Clarke Road will see several banners that read "Ocoee Celebrates Diversity."

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

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