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The Florida Commission on Human Relations Recognizes Black History Month

The Commission Reminds Floridians that this is a Time to Embrace America's Rich Black History of Heroism, Courage and Social Change

"The Commission would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Black History Month and encourage the people of Florida to remember the successes, sacrifices and courageous acts which are etched in the core of American black history," said Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

"Though much progress has been made, racism is still alive and well the state of Florida," said Daniel. "The Commission vows to continue its work in fostering mutual respect and acceptance within communities around the state. Like the fearless leaders before us, we must continue to work together in building peaceful communities free of discrimination, hate crimes and intolerance."