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## **City of Milwaukee to celebrate 28 Days of Black History throughout February**

In honor of **Black History Month**, the City of Milwaukee website and the City Channel (Milwaukee's government access cable channel) will again recognize influential figures in Milwaukee's Black history with the **28 Days of Black History** campaign.

"Last year, we had great success with the 28 Days of Black History information campaign," said **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton**. "We shared so many powerful and compelling stories of Milwaukee's own heroes, and this year we will continue spotlighting notable individuals and their role in Black history."

"The 28 Days of Black History campaign gives us the opportunity to recognize and honor those who are working or have worked for the betterment of the Black community, but making a greater impact felt throughout the entire community," said **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**.

"These stories are important for all of our community members to hear."

The campaign, now in its second year, will center on a theme of "The Soul of Black Folks." Each day in February, the City Channel will feature a local individual who has made a positive impact on Milwaukee's Black history. These profiles, photos, and stories of these individuals will also be featured on the official city website ([city.milwaukee.gov](http://city.milwaukee.gov)).

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## **Black History/ADD ONE**

In recognition of the 28 Days of Black History and Black History Month, the City of Milwaukee will host a public celebration on **Friday, February 23, 2018 at 2 p.m.** in the first floor rotunda at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

**Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** said he hopes the public will flock to the celebration on February 23. “I look forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Black History Program, and I encourage citizens to please come out and join me, Alderman Khalif Rainey and other members of the Council for an enjoyable celebration of culture and good times,” he said.

Working with President Hamilton and Alderwoman Coggs to coordinate the 28 Days of Black History campaign are colleagues **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, and Alderman Khalif J. Rainey.**

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