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America's Black Holocaust Museum to hold re-opening news conference

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will participate in a news conference tomorrow (Tuesday, September 28th) announcing the grand re-opening of **America's Black Holocaust Museum**, 401 W. North Ave.

The announcement news conference will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the museum's community room, and will be hosted by **Dr. Robert Davis**, the museum's CEO and President.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (ABHM) was founded in 1988 by the late Dr. James Cameron, who survived a lynching as a teenager. The museum attracted thousands of visitors but was forced to close in 2008 because of the recession. It reopened virtually in 2012 and has served as an educational tool and resource for students, teachers and others in the community.

According to ABHM, the museum's physical re-opening will debut multiple new exhibits, including galleries of more than 400 years of African-American history, at the corner of Vel R. Phillips and North Avenue in a brand-new facility. As part of a redevelopment project involving multiple partners that includes affordable housing and community gathering spaces, the physical museum serves as a national model for how public history, arts, culture, and commerce can work in unison to spur economic growth and cultural vitality.

A letter from ABHM stated: "The new galleries will take visitors on a chronological journey through the over 400 years of history of African Americans from pre-captivity to the present, uniquely displaying the under-told stories as an integral part of American history. America's Black Holocaust Museum, an integrated physical and virtual experience, will continue to serve as a catalyst to educate and create space for critical conversation, reconciliation and healing, in order to promote a more equitable world without racism."

[Click here](#) for more information on America's Black Holocaust Museum.