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## **“Diversity, Enriching Our Past and Present: A Black History Month Celebration” To Be Held On February 28 in Columbus**

COLUMBUS, OH — In recognition of Black History Month, the Industrial Commission of Ohio will host a celebration on Monday, February 28 to honor the achievements of the black community and the role of diversity in government.

“Diversity, Enriching Our Past and Present: A Black History Month Celebration” is free and open to the public.

The event will begin at 10:30 AM in the William Green Building Auditorium. The auditorium is located at 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

The celebration features two dynamic speakers in state government. G. Michael Payton, Executive Director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, will provide perspective on the multicultural contributions in black history. Lynn Stevens, Governor John Kasich’s Director of Minority Affairs, will be discussing the importance of diversity in government and will answer questions from the audience.

Held in the 370-seat auditorium, this educational event will also include live entertainment, poetry and the musical talents of the FCI Academy High School Choir.

For more information, or if accommodations are required, please contact Tanya Carmichael at 614-466-2765 or [lcarmichael@ic.oh.state.us](mailto:lcarmichael@ic.oh.state.us)

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