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NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and its Special Observances Committee will celebrate National African American History Month with a program entitled, "The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections."

The program will take place at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 2066, on Thursday, February 27, 2003, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. The program includes a presentation by Mr. Steve Newsome, Director of the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum for African American History and Culture. Ethnic samplings of food indigenous to African American culture will be served. The program will also include a display of historical artifacts and a memorabilia collection.

The Smithsonian Anacostia Museum for African American History and Culture was created from the merger of the Anacostia Museum and the Center for African American History and Culture in 1995. It presents exhibitions in its galleries in Southeast Washington and in the Arts and Industries Building on the National Mall. Mr. Newsome is a leader in the museum profession. He is known as an advocate for the development of more meaningful relationships between museums and their constituents. Noted exhibitions have included *Black Mosaic: Community Life Among Black Immigrants in Washington, D.C* and *Speak To My Heart: Communities of Faith and Contemporary African American Life*.

Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director of CSOSA stated, "As a life long resident of Southeast Washington, I know the value and resource that the Anacostia Museum for African American History and Culture brings to our city and urge all our citizens to make use of this important institution."