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Each month, the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) looks forward to providing content that celebrates the diversity across our state's workforce and embraces the differences that help make us better together. We believe diversity and inclusion are everyone's responsibility and we hope all state employees carry such responsibility with honor, courage, and passion. Check us out [here](#)!

2024 Black History Month Celebration: Black Renaissance

Black History month is the time of year when we acknowledge the past and celebrate the achievements of Black Americans. It is a time when we recognize an important part of American history. It is when we celebrate and spotlight the achievements made by the black community then and now. We hope this encourages everyone to celebrate each other together.

To honor the past, we remember the words of A. Phillip Randolph, who said "freedom is never given; it is won". This holds true of the American Civil War, which ended in 1865 and resulted in the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendment to the U.S Constitution. Because of the commitments to civil rights by Randolph, Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, Malcom X, W.E.B. Du Bios, and many other known and unknown activists, we can celebrate where we are today.

Please join us February 15, 2024, at 10:00am for the State of Missouri's Black History Month Celebration. This year's theme is Black Renaissance. An intellectual and cultural revival of African American music, dance, art, fashion, literature.

More information will be sent leading up to this date.

