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***Recognizing 400 Historical Years of African American Impact***

**Hampton VA 2019 Commemorative Commission Hosts Reception  
Launching 2019 Commemoration This Friday February 1 at  
Queen Street North Worship Center**

**Hampton, VA-** This Friday, February 1, join the Hampton VA 2019 Commemorative Commission and the City of Hampton as they host the first in a calendar of 2019 commemorations with an opening reception at the Queen Street North Worship Center (98 Armistead Avenue). The event, open to the public, will take place 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The year 2019 has significance for Virginia and our nation, but particular for Hampton. This year, we commemorate 400 years since the first Africans landed in English-speaking North America. This pivotal moment in global history is a cornerstone of Hampton's

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story because it was at Point Comfort, site of Fort Monroe in Hampton, that the first landing occurred.

In 2019, through a diverse series of programs, events, and exhibits, visitors will gain insight into how from this turbulent beginning, the foundation of our nation was established.

For further information on the 2019 Commemoration, 1619-2019, including events, exhibitions, speaker series, performances, and reenactments that recognize the first Africans' landing in English-speaking North America, visit [www.HamptonVA2019.com](http://www.HamptonVA2019.com) or check out pages 5-6 in the 2019 Hampton Visitor Guide.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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