



NAHOF ANNOUNCES BLACK HISTORY MATTERS PROGRAMS

Martin Luther King Jr Day

The National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) will present *Black History Matters*, a series of twenty-eight virtual introductory short “crash courses” during the month of February 2021. The *Black History Matters* videos will address various aspects of Black American history and culture in order to provide critical context for the ongoing racial justice movements and the persistence of racism in America. The *Black History Matters* program is the first of NAHOF’s series of virtual history and anti-racism programs.

Changes in laws alone cannot end systemic racism. People must be each morally convicted to overturn the circumstances that perpetuate racism. The National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) supports racial justice movements seeking to address racial inequality that resonates with NAHOF's mission to address the second, and ongoing, abolition – the moral conviction to end racism. NAHOF believes that a significant number of Americans do not understand the current racial justice protests due to their unfamiliarity with four centuries of Black American history. This history was often either excluded or taught inadequately in schools. NAHOF believes that education is a powerful step toward ending racism and that understanding the history of the enslavement and dehumanization of Black Americans provides critical context for the ongoing racial justice movements and the persistence of racism in America.

The public is encouraged to partake of these free sessions beginning Monday, February 1 and concluding February 28, 2021. No registration is required for these free sessions. Those who view the *Black History Matters* videos and complete a survey about their experience will receive a certificate from the Peterboro Academy and an annual membership to the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum. For more information and access to the *Black History Matters* programs: www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org.

The National Abolition Hall of Fame and (NAHOF) is chartered by the Board of Regents/New York State Education Department. NAHOF honors antislavery abolitionists, their work to end slavery, and the legacy of that struggle, and strives to complete the second, and ongoing abolition – the moral conviction to end racism. NAHOF is located in historic Peterboro NY in the two-hundred-year-old building in which abolitionists held the inaugural meeting of the New York Antislavery Society in 1835. The Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark is an Underground Railroad site just down the street. For more information on NAHOF and the schedule of *Black History Matters* presentations: www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org.